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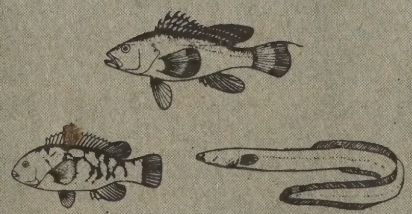

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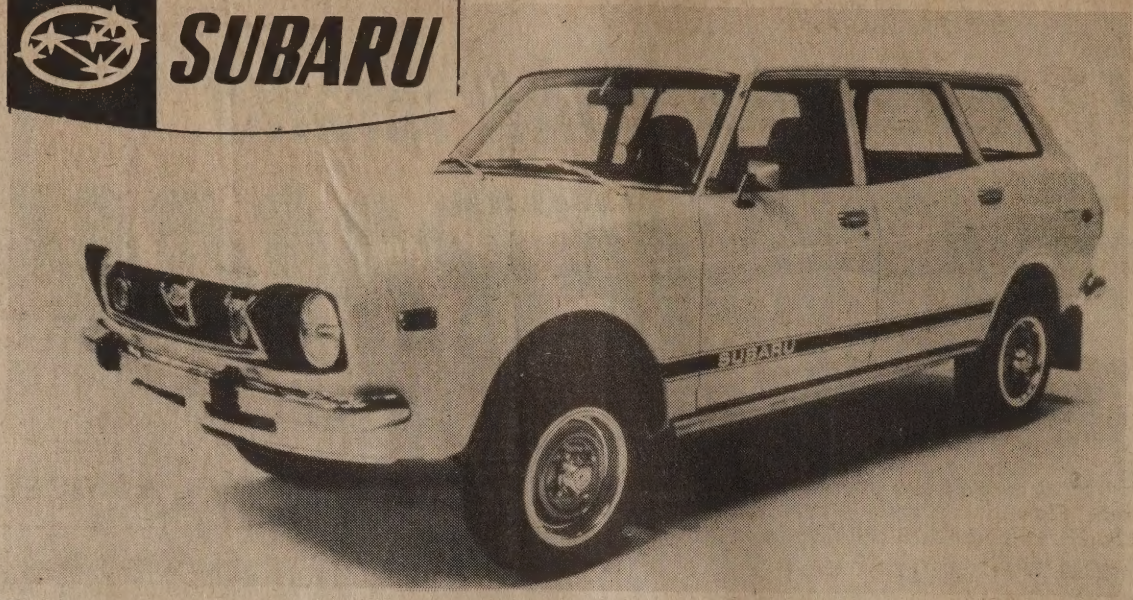

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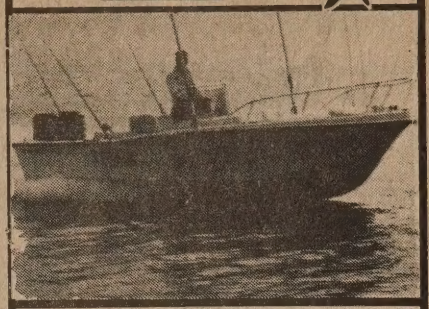

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Chum Lines

I have been a member of the American Littoral Society for the last two years and have particularly enjoyed participating in their fish tagging programs. The Society permits the tagging of any fish of your choosing and over the last two years I have tagged thriteen species of fish. The list includes: Striped bass, bluefish, weakfish, fluke, flounder, sea bass, porgy, blackfish, sea robin, eel, begall, sandshark (dogfish) as well as a small mako shark. I keep accurate records and know exactly when and where each fish was released. I have had nine fish tags returned and am anxiously awaiting the return of others.

When looking over my records, I often wonder ust how many of my released fish are still swimming around the bays and inlets of Long Island. Although I have read many books on fish and fishing I have never come across one that really deals with the longevity of the popular species. Just how long can I count on a striper, blue, weak etc. to continue to swim around providing he doesn't meet up with hook and line, net, etc. I am not asking for heavy scientific data but just a general idea of how long the above listed species are usually around.

If you cannot handle this request with a short reply I would appreciate it if you could recommend books, literature etc., in which I could research this matter.

In conclusion I would like to say that I highly recommend the tagging program set up by the Littoral Society. I have found it to be a real good answer to fish conservation and a continuance of our sport. To any future taggers I might suggest that they not make an eel or a mako one of their first firh they tag unless they have had extensive dancing lessons or consider themselves expert body contortionists.

As a marine biologist I am frequently embarrassed when people ask me specific scientific questions and expect specific scientific answers. Since the bulk of marine research has yet to be done this is often impossible. However in the case of the life span of fishes I can offer you an answer of sorts.

I think that you will find the answer acceptable if you think about populations of fishes in the same way that you do humans. Therefore, there is no such thing as a life span which applies to all individuals. We must settle for an average, that is, the age reached by the bulk of the population. Remember that life in the sea is a harsh struggle and of all the billions of eggs that are deposited only a small fraction are fertilized and hatch. Each day reduces the size of that year class and many factors are responsible. Sudden changes in the environment kills many weaker individuals and there is the constant threat of predation. Disease takes its share also from the weaker ranks. The system works beautifully and has been successful from 600 million years or more. More individuals are produced than can possibly survive and the abundance serves as food for other creatures including disease organisms. Disease has its role because it weeds out weaker specimens and this the entire species tends to become stronger. Survival of the fittest. With these ideas in mind the following table may help to answer your inquiry.

Striped bass	*20-30 years*
flounder	*5 years*
mackerel	*5-6 years*
blackfish	*8-11 years*
porgy	*10-11 years*
bluefish	*10-15 years*
blowfish	*7-8 years*
weakfish	*9-12 years*
spearing	*2-2½ years*

CLUB NEWS

Patchogue Fishing Club Sweeps Casting Championship

For the third consecutive year the Patchogue Fishing Club has won the Garcia Surf Casting Accuracy Championship.

On September 7th at Jones Beach the final Surf Accuracy Tournament both spinning and conventional was held. Sponsored by the Garcia Corporation, the overall event was won by the the Patchogue Fishing Club and that clinched the championship.

Presently the awards for the Garcia Corp. were Sal Muley and John Hayes to Patchogue Fishing Club team Capt. George Dietz and the casting team. A "Well Done" and "Congratualtions" to the Champs.

Boaters Talk

The Outboard Skippers Club of the South Shore Power Squadron will hold its monthly meeting at the American Savings Bank, Modell's Shopping Center, Hempstead Turnpike and Newbridge Avenue, East Meadow on Monday, October 6, at 8 P.M. A guest speaker will present a talk of interest to all boaters. All outboarders and outboard-inboarders are invited to attend. If you have any questions, call (516) 694-2334 or (516) 427-7500.

CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS

Bluefish Derby

Last weekend, 25 members of the Huntington Anglers Club entered an intra-club Bluefish Derby, from Friday 6 P.M. to Sunday 6 P.M. with the following results: 1st prize went to John Pellegrino with 14 lbs. 6 oz. 2nd prize went to Charlie Algeria with 14 lbs. 2 oz, and 3rd prize went to Mike Macchiaroli with 14 lbs.

The above fish were caught on bunker in Huntington and Lloyd Harbors on Sunday the 14th. Alternate winner for Saturday the 13th was Dick Hoffman with 13 lbs. 8 oz. caught on wire line and umbrella rig at 11B.

Tournament of the Full Moon Deep Sea Club

This tournament will be held from noon Friday, October 17th to Noon Sunday, October 19th. Trophies will consist of the following: Deep Sea Trophy—1st, 2nd, 3rd, Largest Fish caught in Tournament. Deep Sea Club Trophy—Largest fish caught by a woman. Deep Sea Club Trophy—Largest fish caught in each 12 hour period, and Deep Sea Club Trophy—largest fish caught by a junior under 16 years old.

Luncheon at the Deep Sea Club will be on Sunday October 19th at 12:30 P.M. Rules and regulations are available from the dockmaster at the Deep Sea Club. Generally I.G.F.A. rules apply except that the use of wire line and of multiple hooks (treble) will be allowed in this tournament.

Prior questions may be addressed to Capt. Bob Darenberg, Deep Sea Club, Montauk, New York. Telephone number (516) 668-2166.

Tournament
Official Bay Shore Mako
Prize Winners 1975.

Club Trophies: First place went to the Squadron Anglers with 2297 points. Second Place went to the Babylon Tuna Club with 2068 points and Third place went to the Tournament Anglers with 2060 points.

Individual Winners: Mako Division: First Prize went to Mark Tessar with 310 pounds. Second Prize went to Jerry DeSapio with 267 pounds and Third Prize went to William Langabeer with 263 pounds.

Individual Winners: Other Shark Division: First Prize went to Dr. Harold Jarow with 347 lb. Dusky. Second Proze went to Joseph Monty with 242 lb. Blue and Third Prize went to Philip Hellriegel Jr. with 241 lb.

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DUCK, FISH & TURTLE TOPICS

A GOOD DUCK SEASON IS FORECAST BY D.U.

DUCKS UNLIMITED'S BREEDING REPORT SEES A GOOD WATERFOWL YEAR BECAUSE OF EXCELLENT NESTING CONDITIONS ON THE CANADIAN PRAIRIES, MARITIME PROVINCES AND THE ARCTIC.

A NEW LOBSTER LAW MAKES IT ILLEGAL TO POSSESS A LOBSTER THAT HAS BEEN DAMAGED TO THE EXTENT THAT ITS BODY SHELL LEGAL SIZE OF 3 3/16 INCHES CAN'T BE MEASURED. ALSO TAILS MUST BE INTACT IN THE SHELL AND THE LAST SEGMENT MUST BE AT LEAST 1 1/16 INCH LONG.

A 60 LB. SEA TURTLE CAME INTO A BLUEFISH CHUM SLICK LAST AUGUST, WAS HOOKED AND BROUGHT ALONGSIDE CAPT. ARTIE LINO'S CHARTER BOAT "WAHOO IV". THE TURTLE, FOUND TO BE TAGGED ON ITS FRONT FLIPPER, WAS RELEASED AND THE TAG RETURNED TO FLORIDA UNIVERSITY WHERE IT HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY CAUGHT, TAGGED AND RELEASED BEFORE TRAVELLING NORTH.

BY FRED GUARDINEER

THE COELACANTH

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A SIMPLE HANDY *HOOK DISGORGER* CAN BE MADE BY FILING A V-NOTCH IN THE BLADE OF AN OLD SCREWDRIVER. A SCREW-EYE IN THE HANDLE END MAKES IT POSSIBLE TO BE HUNG.

DIVING

with John Fennimore

SEABASS WRECK

Resting in eighty feet of water in the area known as the three mile reef off Fire Island is the Steel Barge. She lies almost straight away from the abandoned lighthouse, or possibly just a hair east. The wreck is in excellent condition.

We had picked a wonderful day to dive this wreck. Back in the city the temperature was climbing to 90, and the wind barely ruffled the leaves of the trees. It had been this way for three days. The humidity was climbing to 90% range too, but the water was quiet, still, clear and inviting.

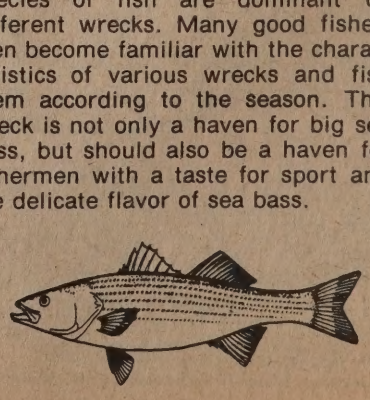
A few small makos had been sighted as we prepared to dive. Suiting up in the hot sun had to be done quickly to avoid heat exhaustion. On the surface a wet suit was not necessary, but past the thermocline beginning at forty feet was another story. I jumped over the side and waited at the anchor line for my buddy. Upon hitting the water I was shocked by the fantastic visibility. Without exaggeration it was at least 45 feet horizontally. My buddy joined me and we proceeded down the anchor line. This excellent visibility lasted just over one atmosphere of water. At the thermocline, the water cooled off rapidly, and the visibility dropped to ten feet. At sixty feet the water became clearer once again, and the visibility remained around fifteen to twenty feet.

The wreck was beautiful. It looked "brand spankin' new." It if wasn't seventy two feet below the surface, I would expect a tugboat to be pulling it toward the harbor. This massive steel structure sits totally upright, and on the southern side many beautiful anemones cling to the surface of the wreck, and provide an elegant carpet to the wreck's now untrodden walkways. All the hatches are open, and you can peer way down into the hold with the aid of a light. Diving deeper we hit the bottom at 80 feet. The sea bed was mostly sand with patches of clay. Inside small clay burrows live lobsters and red rock crabs. On the sandy stretches there are fluke and flounders to be had. My buddy and I then decided to explore the inside of the wreck. The center of the wreck has two large V shaped cargo compartments, and in these two compartments lives two schools of the largest sea bass I have ever seen. These fish were just over three pounds, and with their seemingly endless numbers they dominated the wreck.

Sea bass are very interesting creatures. Their black bodies give way to irridescent purple spots which cover the body and highlight the tail. They are very inquisitive creatures and become fascinated by the sight of a diver. When they feel threatened or are unsure of something they will raise their dorsal fins, thus exposing their many sharp spines. They seem to be unafraid and they will readily accept food from a diver. Their favorite food seems to be squid, and they will grab the whole piece out of your hand. Either cut the squid in strips, or grab it tightly and let the sea bass take chunks out of it.

We then decided to explore the upper portion of the wreck once again. As we swam along the steel decking we could see many big iron cletes along its length. A slight current was now running and it seemed to bring colder water with it. The temperature was now fifty eight degrees, and felt like it was dropping. We then chose to dive down once again to the anchor which had bitten deeply into the sand. There we were greeted by a lone ling who watched our every move.

It is interesting to note that different species of fish are dominant on different wrecks. Many good fishermen become familiar with the characteristics of various wrecks and fish them according to the season. This wreck is not only a haven for big sea bass, but should also be a haven for fishermen with a taste for sport and the delicate flavor of sea bass.



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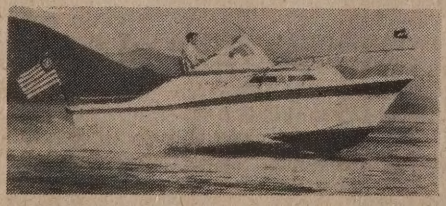

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Surf Side

with Doc Muller

Live Eels On The South Shore *Part Two*

It was in the small hours of the morning that Joseph Ebitz Jr. of Hauppauge left the comfort of his warm bed and headed to Jones Beach West End parking field II with a bucket of live eels. But this wasn't anything new to Joe, he had been fishing with live eels for two years now and he had been working the south shore beaches for fifteen.

Joe has taken his share of nice bass over the years with plugs and worms, but that really big cow, the fish over thirty pounds had somehow passed him by. The willingness of cow bass to take live eels seemed to Joe to be the ticket to his dream.

He walked quickly through the soft sand toward the jetty. Today he would use a 9½ foot Garcia-Conlon rod with a Garcia 386 reel spooled with 15 pound test Ande.

He set up for business about 500 feet east of the jetty and threw out the first eel. The sea was calm and the breeze gentle: perfect conditions for contemplation. The receding tide would carry "goodies" from the inlet and perhaps they would be swept around into the pocket where lurking bass would suck them up.

He didn't wait long, for at about 5 a.m. he had a pickup and the line began to melt off the reel. He paused to allow the fish to inhale the eel, then he sunk the hook and after a brief tug of war the fish was gone and so was the eel.

He retrieved the rig with anticipation. This would be the morning—surely this was the day that he would be rewarded for his endurance and his patience.

Another eel arched across the orange sky of dawn and came to rest in just the right spot. The beach was virtually desserted and Joe began to have those uneasy feelings that perhaps many fish were being taken at Cedar Beach or perhaps at parking field nine and he had missed the news.

The sun was up now and still the day was calm. Many hours had already been spent at this task today and four hours had passed since the hit. Perhaps the fish have moved elsewhere? The sun may be too strong now and maybe the big fish have found cool quiet offshore?

He resolved to stick it out because too much time would be lost traveling to other spots and if history repeats itself the way it usually did for him, there would be no fish at other locations either.

Joe prefers to plug, but bait fishing seemed to be a necessary evil if a guy was to take a good fish this year. He loves to walk the inshore portion of the West End jetty and throw Rebels into the inlet. His favorite color is yellow and this combination has been good to him. He enjoys casting and feeling the plug work eagerly against the surging tide.

Sometimes Joe will fish Rocky Point on the north shore and at times the blues and school bass are cooperative and will respond to Rebels and popping plugs. The Shoreham powerplant is another of the spots that Joe finds irrestibile. He has taken many big blues on bait from that beach.

But for the last few weeks Joe has only been able to see stripers, and those long ones, the ones that stretch 40 inches or more from head to tail fill his dreams.

Now it was October 6th and with the hour pushing toward 10'oclock it would seem that still another day would pass without that fish. Well, after all I did have one chance today, he thought trying to cheer himself up. Maybe I had better call it a morning and with a little luck I may just be able to sneak in a few more hours tomorrow evening.

Just then the rod throbbed and the tip danced in the sunlight. The significance of this didn't hit home at first because Joe had already decided on leaving. But a fish had the eel--there was no doubt about that. He grabbed the rod from its holder and fed line to the fish. It took line for what seemed like an eternity and the agonizing decision had to be made, when to set the hook? Joe waited a few extra seconds and that may be the reason why he hooked that fish.

As the line streamed off the reel there was no weight, no pressure, in fact there was nothing to indicate the size of the fish that swam out there. It could be only a teen sized fish or it could be a fish to rival Church's 73 pound elephant!

Now! Joe physced himself and put his whole weight and power behind the strike. If this was a cow it would take some force to jam the point and barb of the hook into the jaw of the beast.

He'd hooked the fish and it made it's first run toward the outer bar trying to escape into the sea. Joe held on letting the smooth drag do the work and making that fish pull against the flexible tip of his heavy rod.

It was dead low tide now and as the fish ran it exposed it's massive back and the dorsal fin cut through the surface like a hot knife through butter. The animal fought well managing to run repeatedly.

There was nothing for Joe to think about now. Instinct would have to work for him or bad habits would prove his undoing--only time would tell.

"Did you know how big that fish was while you played it?" I asked him. "No, I didn't", was his reply. He continued, "Frankly, I was too excited and much too preoccupied to estimate its weight, but I knew that it was a good fish."

The battle continued under the glare of high sunshine and each time that Joe worked that fish into the wash it ran out again. Once he saw the whole fish and then knew the magnitude of the animal that he was tied to. Somehow he wished that he had not seen the creature, because now his knees began to turn soft and no matter how hard he tried there was the need to sit down before he fell down. He had to crank that reel and forget about what he saw. Ten minutes passed and still the victor of the battle had not been determined. Back and forth, up and down the beach was the bass' strategy now. Clearly he was weakening, but if that knot didn't hold, if the hook would straighten, or if that fish should find a rock or shell to rub against Joe would still lose this fight.

His arms were weary, Suddenly, the fish seemed to give up and he was able to take line gradually but continuously. Soon the bass was rolling gently in the wash and the breaking waves were pushing her closer to the sand. Joe waded out and with a single thrust of his gaff he secured his trophy.

About a half an hour later Joe carried the fish into the Captree weigh-in station and the fish tipped the scales at thirty-six pounds and two ounces.

This is one of many experiences that

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FRESHWATER FISHING

with Angelo Peluso

Football, Pheasants or Fish

There comes a tide in the affairs of most fishermen that is capable of causing one heck of a dilema. The tide is one that occurs each and every fall. The dilemma is that of determining what to do on the weekend.

The season of Fall is unique in that it brings with it many things that appeal to most outdoorsmen. A fair number of my angling acquaintances also participate in the sport of upland and big game hunting. Right here you can see the need for a choice. The season of the "turning leaves" is hunting time, and rods are laid aside for guns.

The crispness of air also brings with it the time of the pigskin, football. For those of you sportsmen that are unlucky enough to like angling, hunting and the madness of Sunday football, I sympathize. Though the choice can be a rather difficult one, my solution came fairly easy since fishing ranks at the top of my priority list. Since fishing happens to be my primary pastime (aside from a fulltime job), and since the Fall is one of the more productive times of the year for the fisherman, I arm myself with a rod right through the end of November.

For the fresh water angler the Fall is a time that affords the opportunity to tie into a lunker or even that LUNKER of a lifetime. The Fall of the year also represents a time of return for some species of fish, and this translates into an opportunity for fish to be caught that are unavailable, for the most part, during other seasons.

One example of this has special significance to the Long Island fresh water angler. I make reference here to the Fall return of the sea run brown trout. The "salter" to come, this hardy gamefish makes a most significant appearance in the latter part of October. So sizeable are the returns to several of our tidal stream, that it became a concern of the Department of Environmental Conservation to allow the Long Islander an opportunity to do battle with this wary wonder. Al Kellar, of our region's DEC, was very instrumental in getting the Department to extend the Long Island season on these tidal streams through the end of November. (If you check the Conservation guide book that comes with each license you will note that under "Suffolk County" an indication is made for the extention).

The two best areas on the Island for Sea Run Browns are the Connetequot River and Beaver Dam Creek. The middle to the latter part of October appears to be by far the best time to take these trout on hook and line. The age of the returning fish tends to vary, but the biggest known catch (as recorded by the DEC) on rod and reel is in the six pound class. Al Kellar informs me that in the course of doing some survey work on the two afforementioned bodies of water he has seen browns in the nine pound range. One of Al's co-workers has reported sighting 12-14 pound tackle busters. The average browns are quite a bit smaller, but four pounders are not unusual. For those of you that would like to do a bit of this late season trout fishing, let me give you two important pieces of advice. First of all, the streams are tidal and are therefore affected by water movement. As with many species of salt water fish our anadromous salter moves in with the flood tide. An hour before the peak and an hour after seem to be the best times to try your luck. Secondly, a fishing fact of life is that the bait fishermen tend to take the majority of these fish. Though the angler tossing artificials will score, the percentages are in the favor of the bait fishermen. The browns making these spawning runs are wary and not fooled as easily.

Long Island's other principal fresh water gamefish, the large-mouth and small-mouth bass, can also be relied upon to offer up some fast Fall action. For me, Autum bass fishing has a special appeal all its own since one is able to find and catch bass in shallow water areas. Two important considerations here are the cooling water temperatures and the need on Mr. Bass' part to seek out food that will add on some additional winter fat. From personal experience, and the experiences of some angling friends, I can say that the Fall of the year yields as many lunker bass as does the early Spring fishing.

As the weather gets progressively cooler, and as the aquatic vegetation dies off, the water will have the tendency to become clearer. When this situation develops it is usually necessary for the bass angler to adjust his tactics to the changing conditions. This becomes a time when an angler might have to resort to the use of light lines and small lures. Bass are very wary, by nature, and this condition of high water clarity makes this wariness even more acute.

Another appeal that this season has is that the angler can fish in weather that is, for the most part, rather pleasant. I am unable to tolerate for long the hot days of mid summer. The comfortable temperatures of Autumn allow me to concentrate more fully on the task of fish getting rather than on the task of seeking the shelter of shade.

As I mentioned previously, I enjoy this type of seasonal fishing for bass since I am able to pursue the quarry in the shallow water element that I prefer to fish. It is a time to begin tossing the shallow running lures and top water plugs. It is also a time when the highly touted spinner baits can prove to be very deadly. It was using just such a combination of lures on an outgoing last Fall that enabled me to take a very nice limit stringer of bass from one of the Island's many bass ponds.

If you are the type of angler that enjoys more about a day's fishing than just catching fish, then Fall fishing is for you. I can recall a day last year that found me fishing my favorite Long Island bass pond. I arrived at the lake rather early in the morning since I wanted to fish throughout the entire day, on into the evening. As I made my routine pass around the perimiter of the lake I was able to pick up a few small size bass tossing around a small jointed Rebel. After deciding to anchor in one of the more renowned spots, I noticed a small herd of deer directly opposite me on the other shoreline. I watched those deer for at least forty five minutes before they decided to pack up and head for some other location. The scene of the deer and of the backdrop of changing leaves made for one heart-warming experience. For a brief moment I was able to see nature at its best. And the kicker of the whole thing is that there was no one else on the lake but me. That condition held true for the entire day. The pond was, for that day, my own private fishing hole. I guess that all of the other fishermen were either out hunting or watching their favorite teams play football. Well, they certainly missed out on all the fun. Don't you. Keep your fishing gear available for a Fall fishing trip. I know you'll enjoy it.

Three Methods of Fishing Live Eels

by Terry Wallace

As most experienced fishermen know live eels are usually a good bait in luring striped bass. Live eel fishing is productive from either a boat or from the surf. However, I prefer the boat because you can cover more area and use a variety of methods which should differ according to conditions. It is these variations which help the bass sharpie score day after day when big bass are around.

Live eels can be acquired two ways, either at a tackle store or by potting. Actually, unless you live on the water or very close to it, it's a heck of alot easier buying the eels. Now that you have the eels there are a couple of basics which are essential for successful fishing. First of all the tackle that is to be used. I have found that either 20 or 30 pound test line on a medium action rod will do the trick. Although there is a wide variety of reels you can use I prefer the Penn surfmaster or beachmaster. Both of these reels are fairly light and give the line capacity which I need to let a fish run with. Before attaching a hook to my line I make sure that I attach a small snap swivel about 3 foot above the hook, which is usually between 3/0 and 6/0. Once your rod is rigged in this manner you will have the basic eel rig. Howéver, since there are several ways in which I fish eels the rig must be altered in different ways according to the method I am fishing. The geography of the area is what determines the method.

There are alot of people who think that fishing eels means that once you have the eel and he is on the line that you are ready to go. This may be true in some areas but there is alot more to do with this fishing than that. For instance, I personally favor 3 different ways of fishing eels and they are used with respect to the areas I am fishing. For all practical purposes lets call them by method rather than by name.

Method number one is live lining the eel from a boat. The tackle which you are using should be rigged exactly as I previously described in this article. However a small rubber core sinker must be added approxiamtely 4 foot above the hook. I use this method when I am fishing around bridges or where there are alot of rocks or structures under the water. I have found that this method can be used while I am drifting or if I'm anchored. The only thing that is important once you have followed the basic rigging of the eel and your tackle is that the eel be close to the bottom where big bass are lying.

The second method which I have found to be successful is a method which I use in inlets or where there is a sandy bottom. There is only one major difference between method number one and this method and that is adding a bank sinker (which I bend with a pair of pliers) approximately eight feet above the hook. There is also a second factor in this method and that is that the boat must be drifting. After I have my eel ready to go, I go to an area such as an inlet where there is alot of sandy bottom. As I begin to drift I let out plenty of line put the reel in free spool with click on and put it in the rod holder. Usually if there are fish around, you will get them because this method is designed to find the holes where bass are more likely to be found. This is done when the boat is moving, line following, when the sinker hits a hole it falls disturbing the bass and then the eel comes right behind it further intimidating the fish. This is the method in which I caught my first eeled bass some years ago with friend Don Kochanski. Both Don and I were using this method when my eel took off, after letting the fish stop and then take off again I hit him hard, and to my surprise had a real battle on my hands. (Actually I didn't have much faith in this method at first and thought I was hung up on the bottom).

Just as I was about to pull my fish in Don's line was slack and he decided to reel his line in so we wouldn't get tangled. I don't think that I was as surprised as Don was when he told me that he had something which felt like a cement block on his line. Well before I had a chance to get my fish in the boat Don was jumping around the skiff with a fish slightly under 25 pounds. It was apparent that as we drifted over the hole both of our eels had attracted the attention of a couple of bass who couldn't resist dinner for two.

The third and final method of eel fishing which I have found to be productive is by finding a hole, and anchoring a fish finder rig. Again the basic rig stays the same with the exception of adding a larger snap swivel and fish finder rig. These fish finder rigs can be bought at any tackle store. The most important factors when using this method is to know where the holes are located. The best way of locating holes is by using a depth finder, if you do not have one pot luck (unless you really know the area) is the only way to find these holes.

Once you are over the hole lower the eel with fish finder rig, let out about 6

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THE BOTTOM LINE

with Scott Simons

OCTOBER BLACKFISH

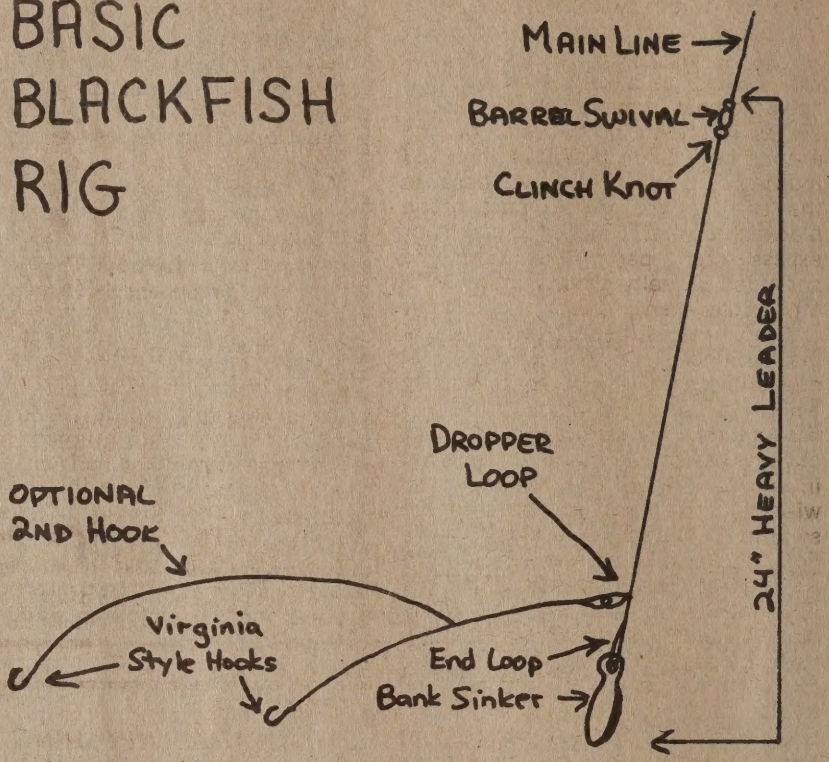
It's blackfish time again, gang! As October begins the fall run of blackfish is already on in full swing and should remain at a high peak throughout the month and well into November. The spring run of fish pales in comparison to the fall blackfish run but is not as heavily fished by most anglers. This is probably because the only competition the blackfish has for the attention of fishermen in spring is the flounder, while in the fall the striped bass and bluefish have many people in a frenzy.

Fall blackfish are found in the same locations as frequented in the spring, but are usually considerably more abundant and larger in size. They will congregate over virtually any wreck, artificial reef, mussel bed, bridges and pieces of bottom that are rock strewn or cluttered with obstructions. These areas are usually quite stable and permanent year after year with little time spent wasted trying to locate fish. That is providing you know the productive blackfishing spots to begin with. If you don't, read the weekly fishing reports in The Long Island Fisherman and consult your local tackle proprietor to learn where the blackfish hot spots are in your area.

Blackfish prefer "hard" baits in the fall—primarily the fiddler crab and green crab. Fiddlers are used whole and are usually available live at most bait and tackle shops. There are two types of fiddler crabs—china-black and black-mud. Purchase the china-black fiddlers whenever possible—they are more effective for some reason.

Fiddlers may be placed on the hook in two manners. Both are effective and it's only your preference which you use. The fiddlers with a large claw are males, and it should be removed and set aside for chum. The point of the hook is either inserted through the socket where the claw has been removed or through the underside of the crab and out the top of the shell. In either case, it is critical that the point of the hook is protruding from the shell so that it will be able to penetrate the tough mouth of the black.

Green crabs are also an excellent bet for blackfish, particularly the "bulldog" variety. Unfortunately, usually aren't readily available for purchase as the fiddler. They range in size from ¾ to several inches in shell diameter, often necessitating the angler to half or quarter the crab into bite-sized pieces depending on the shell size. Break off the claws and all the legs and remove the top shell and set them aside for chum. Cut the remainder to the desired size, which will be determined by the size of the blackfish that are predominating the catch. Keep in mind that the black has a relatively small mouth. Pass the point of the hook through one leg socket and out anouther, allowing the point to protrude.



Secondary baits that may be used for blackfish with varying degrees of less success are skimmer clams, worms, mussels and conch. Later in the season when codfish and large flounder are often found mixed together its a good idea to use skimmer clams if you're looking for a mixed bag of fish.

Rigging up for blackfish is quite easy and doesn't take any fancy terminal tackle. The primary function of the blackfish rig is to keep the bait resting on the bottom, where the blacks are foraging for food. Tie a short, stiff snelled hook to a heavy leader no more than two or three inches above the sinker. Use only the Virginia hook pattern, which has been specially designed to penetrate the tough jaws of the blackfish. A second hook may be tied in the center of the snell of the first, but usually is counter-productive as you will get snagged on the bottom too often. Bank sinkers are preferred as they are less prone to fouling on the rough bottoms the blacks prefer.

"If you're not losing rigs, you're not blackfishing." Never has there been a more accurate fishing adage. Because if you aren't losing a rig now and then, you can't be fishing over the type of bottom formations where blackfish are abundant. So pre-tie a good supply of rigs before a blackfishing expedition. Use the heaviest leader material and hook snells practical to cut down on lost rigs from line abrasion due to rubbing on obstructions.

Once a bottom formation has been found that is likely to hold a population of blackfish, anchor the boat to cut down on rig loses. Don't be trapped into anchoring in an unproductive spot and remaining there. Blackfish have

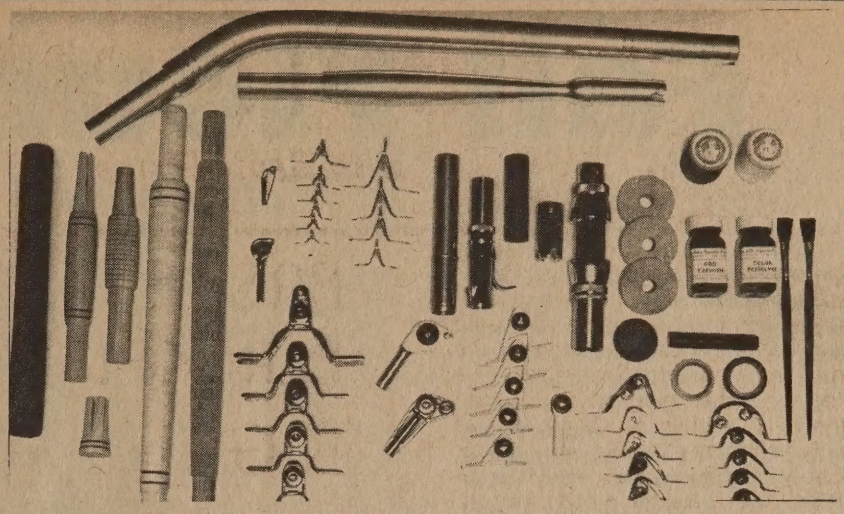
the unusual trait of congregating over one particular part of a bottom formation for little apparent reason, and will rarely stray more than a few yards of it. Twenty feet away from such a pocket of fish can often be distrous. So move around! Keep anchoring and re-anchoring until a productive location if found.

A chum pot will often entice a blackfish to move a little further from his usual haunt then he normally would. A large, weighted chum pot will also act as a double anchor and keep the boat from swinging excessively as it pivots in the wind on the anchor line. Clam bellies or crushed mussels are most effective because they are juicy and primary parts of the blackfish's diet. Cracked mussels or excess crab parts may also be sprinkled liberally around the boat to attract blackfish.

The most difficult technique of blackfishing for the novice and no-so-novice fisherman to master is when to set the hook. This is accounted for by the fact that blackfish have two sets of teeth and the manner in which they feed. They dislodge food with the first, normal set of teeth and sample it. The angler will feel a few light taps at this moment, but should not strike! The fish will either be lip-hooked or missed entirely if you do. Wait until a series of short, sharp tugs are felt, which signals that the blackfish has passed the morsal back to the crusher teeth located at the beginning of the throat. When the first tug is detected, drive the hook home with two or three short, sharp jabs like you were driving a nail.

Most of the time blackfish may be landed by simply swinging them into the boat, but its a good idea to have a net handy for those bulldogs you may hook up with. Forget about a gaff—they're worthless where blackfish are concerned.

No treatise on the blackfish is complete without a few lines concerning the "scourge" of the blackfisherman"—the bergall. These masters in the art of bait-stealing can drive you nuts if you let them get to you. The best thing you can do when they are harrassing you is to up-anchor and find a new location. They will consistently beat a blackfish to a bait, so when they are plentiful "hard" baits are a must. Bergalls will peck away at the edges of a crab but it will take them awhile to remove it from a hook entirely. Your best bet is to try to ignore the series of soft, rapid nibbles they will telegraph up the line and wait for the sharp tug of the blackfish. But if the soft nibbles suddenly cease, reel in—the bergall has won and it's time to rebait.



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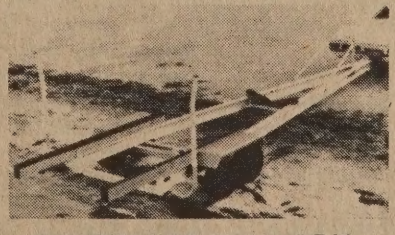

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Fall Flounder

by Matt Ahern

Unlike many of my fishing buddies, I'm never really sorry when summer leaves and fall arrives, for past experience has proven that some of the year's best fishing is at hand.

It is certainly true fluke fishing is over until next summer; that sea bass and porgies are rapidly moving out of the reach of sportfishermen, their inevitable annual exodus due at any moment. But this doesn't bother me in the least.

I know big, fat fall flounders are arriving in ever increasing numbers, busily prowling Long Island's many bays, creeks, channels and canals. Until blackfish and winter cod appear in sufficient numbers to entice the fisherman away, fall flounders will provide plenty of rod-bending action. No longer is it necessary to endure scorching summer heat and crowded waterways.

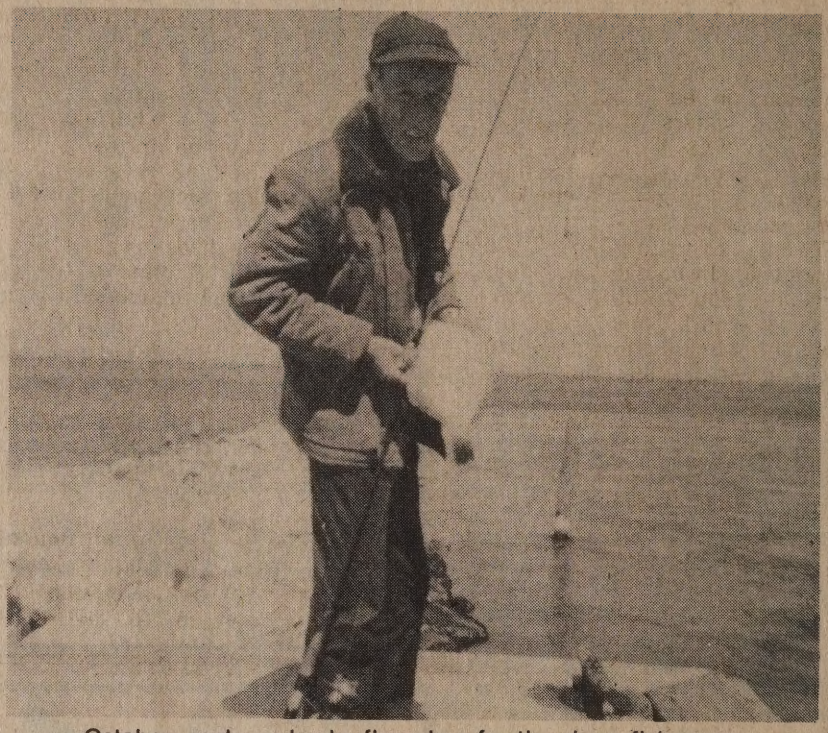
If you've never gone fall flounder fishing before, you'll find the same tackle used for spring flounders will serve you well. You can use your light bay rod and bucket one fish after another without difficulty, or you can equip yourself with a light spinning outfit and enjoy the utmost in sport. It is highly recomended that you do just that. With it can be felt the most cautious bite of the wariest flounder.

If you decide to use a bay rod, you should fill the matching reel with eight or ten pound test monofilament. Don't spool on line heavier than this, as by so doing it is often necessary to use a much too heavy sinker, thereby cutting down on your fun.

Some fishermen get by with six-pound test and should you find this light line manageable on the stiffer bay rod, use it by all means. Personally, I feel the ten-pound test more suitable.

For the light spinning outfit, you'll find six to eight pound mono on a matching, open-faced feel to be ideal. I've been using a light, six-foot spinning rod equipped with a Mitchell 300 for years and with it I've milked the sport to the nth degree. The only time I will go to medium-weight tackle is when fishing in stronger than normal currents, as around inlets, which makes the use of heavier sinkers mandatory.

Rigging for fall flounders is simple and easily accomplished, as is rigging for all bottom fish. The standard hook is the long shanked Chestertown, in sizes nine or ten; number nine preferred. I seldom use these anymore since discovering the fish-catching ability of the regular-shank number six Sproat.



October produces husky flounders for the shore fisherman.

To those fishermen who have used the Chestertown for years, these Sproats may not look like much, but I believe they will outfish any flounder hook on the market. Known as "trout hooks" by freshwater fishermen, they are available at most well-stocked tackle shops.

However, should you have difficulty locating these Sproats, write to Reed Tackle, Box 390, Caldwell, New Jersey 07006, and request their catalog. They offer these hooks in boxes of one hundred.

All fishermen should learn how to snell hooks, but as a temporary measure only, if the snell is tied to the hook with a simple Improved Clinch Knot, these hooks will catch fish for you. Use a fourteen inch length of 20 pound test leader material for each hook and finish off with a Perfection Loop.

Reread or invest fifty cents for a back copy of LIF issue #37-1974 for step by step instructions on how to snell hooks and tie these knots so necessary for a professional-looking job.

By tandem-tying two hooks and placing them two inches above the sinker, with or without the aid of a three-way swivel, you can be sure they'll be on bottom where they must be to catch flounders.

Tandem tie your hooks this way: Bend the snell of one hook at its middle and pass this fold through the knotted loop of the other. Take this second hook and pass it through the fold of the first hook, pull tightly, and secure with an overhand knot. Takes but seconds.

Incidentally, stay away from the flounder spreader. They are hard to cast, foul frequently on the least obstruction and often gather copious amounts of weed and other debris. Tandem-tie your hooks and catch fish.

When using light spinning equipment, and the recommended light mono line, one or two ounce bank sinkers will be found heavy enough to hold bottom in most areas. If using a conventional bay rod with heavier line,

two to four ounces may be necessary. Experiment and find the lightest weight to hold bottom without moving. The average flounder isn't a big fish and a heavy sinker will only detract from your sport.

Whether boat fishing in the bays or channels, or shore fishing from creek banks or canals, you'll find most early-run fall flounders in comparatively shallow water, ranging from ten to twenty feet. In fact, those places fished from shore often produce more flounders in early season than the open bay waters. But wherever you fish, don't go too deep. The boat fisherman should stay on the flats or at the mough of deep-water creeks where they join channels.

To chum or not to chum? If this were springtime, I would definitely say yes. Certainly, you can never go wrong by chumming during any flounder season but fall flounders are more active than those in early spring and they selfom need coaxing to accept the baited hook. Bring some mussels, or break up soft clams and distribute them about the boat if you wish, but I've never found it necessary to do so in the fall.

It is water temperature that governs what fish feed on, and as the water still contains a bit of warmth, blood and sandworms will produce well at this time of year. It isn't until November when fresh skimmer, and hard or soft clams, can be depended upon to put fish in the bucket. A hook baited with a succulent, freshly chucked bank mussel is always accepted, but this is primarily a springtime bait.

Don't overlook the use of nightcrawlers during the early part of the run. Bring some with you, if possible, as they will often outfish other baits two to one. When using nightcrawlers, be sure to change frequently as saltwater has a tendency to bleach this bait more quickly than marine worms.

All worms should be cut into inch and a half pieces and the hook allowed to protrude a quarter-inch from the end. Doing this gives the bait a natural appearance. Don't bunch the bait if you want to catch good-sized flounders.

Clams should be cut into thin, inch and a half slices and used by weaving the hook through several times. Don't forget to let that all-important quarter-inch to trail in the current. It often makes the difference between many fish and few.

There are several fishing tips of importance about early fall flounders that the fisherman should keep in mind. These fish aren't sluggish like their counterparts of springtime; meaning that the fisherman must be on his toes if he wants to hook his fair share.

They will not lie quietly on bottom while inhaling the bait, but quickly nip at it and go. They must be struck at once with a firm lift of the rod tip. This doesn't mean the fisherman should attempt to yank the fish's head off, though. If you indulge in this tactic, you will only aid the flounder in stripping the hook. A quick upward snap of the wrist is all that's needed to twist and implant the hook. Learn to control your reflexes when you feel that first bite and watch your catch increase.

Flounders are plentiful in all south shore bays. The average will run from a half to one pound, with an always excellent chance of taking fish to two pounds and better.

The farther east one fishes, the larger the average flounder will be. The Peconics are famous for big flounders and two and three pounders are common when the fish are feeding well. Some of the largest are caught around Cartwright and Robbin's Islands.

So, when October sends its cooling breath over Long Island, don't think dark thoughts of winter. Go out and get some scrappy fall flounders. There's plenty for everybody.

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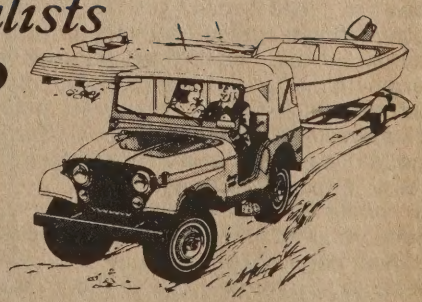

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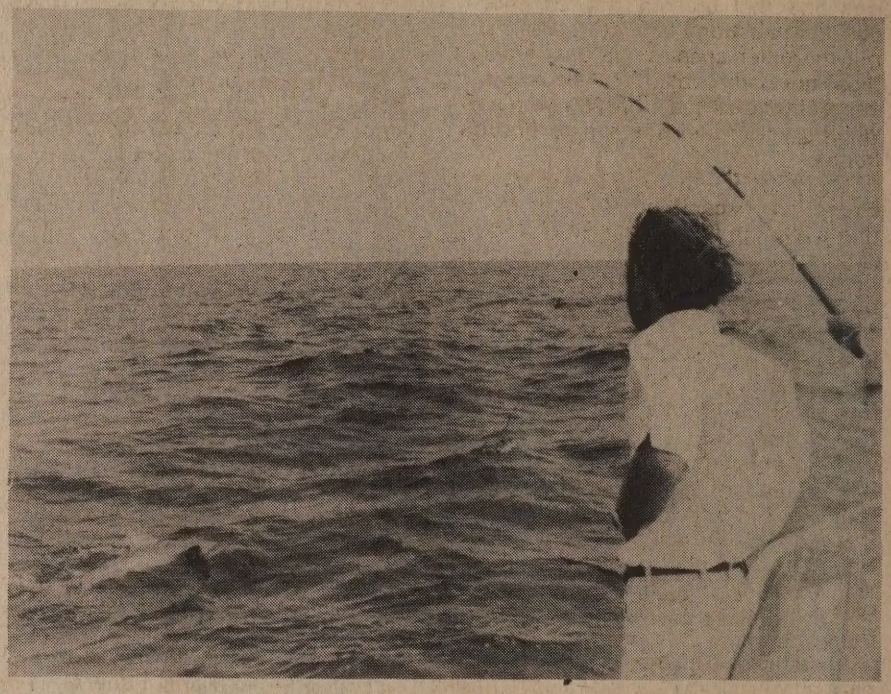
Light Tackle Sharking

by Al Ristori

The movie "Jaws" has had a profound impact on the sport of shark fishing. Never before has there been such interest in sharks or catching them on rod and reel. Captain Frank Mundus has been making a good living at shark fishing since he introduced the sport to Long Islanders a couple of decades ago. However, this year, even captains who rarely hosted a shark party in the past have been hooked solidly with anglers anxious for a shot at "jaws".

The upsurge of interest in sharking is just fine in my opinion. Most species of sharks are under exploited and, even with the tremendous increase in the number of anglers, you can still pick out your own piece of the ocean and drift in magnificent isolation all day long. Encouraging also has been the relative lack of the "slaughter instinct". I've noticed relatively few boats returning to the dock with a load of small blue and dusky sharks, which will shortly thereafter have to be uncermoniously towed back to sea for dumping. Individuals doing that sort of thing quickly find themselves amateurs and usually don't repeat their action.



Pete Fredrickson gets ready to tag and release a small dusky being fought by Mike Soriano aboard the author's Mako 22.

Despite the panic philosophy of "Jaws", most of todays fishermen are sophisticated enough to realize that sharks are not only relatively harmless to man in temperate zones (how many authenticated shark attacks have you heard of in the northeast over the years?) but, even more importantly, serve their purpose in the ecology of the sea. Healthy fish have little to fear from sharks. Using their acute sense of smell and picking up vibrations from injured fish, sharks make very efficient scavengers. However, most healthy gamefish can run circles around any shark and will even feed in close proximity to them.

While all sharks are edible, they require careful handling and are best when eaten fresh. Makos and porbeagles are the best eating of our local sharks but some anglers are also very fond of small blues. Regardless of species, sharks should be treated just as any other fish or animal life—unless you're going to eat it, or if it's of trophy size, let it live! The best thing you can do for mankind in relation to sharks is not to kill them. Tags, and information about the program, can be obtained by writing to Jack Casey, Narragansett Sport Fisheries Marine Lab, Box 522A, Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882.

An unfortunate aspect of the "Jaws" syndrome has been the impression, passed on to newcomers to the sport, that heavy tackle and a large investment in bait is necessary to fish for sharks. In point of fact, sharks exceeding 200 pounds are hard to come by in our waters and very few over 300 pounds ever take the hook. At least 95% of the sharks you're likely to hook in our waters can be taken on 30 pound tackle or less, and most of the bigger ones can be caught with the same gear if the angler has the patience to stick with them.

I've never specifically fished for sharks with anything larger than a 6/0, and now don't even go larger than a 4/0. Fishing from my Mako 22, I usually fish three rigs. The heaviest is a Mitchell 4/0, filled with 30 or 50 pound mono or dacron, fitted to a 30 or 50 pound class game rod. This rig is fished at the deepest level (usually about 60 feet) and about 50-100 feet from the boat. The second outfit consists of a Mitchell 624 (bluefish-size boat reel) with 30 pound mono and matching rod with roller tip. The third rig is composed of an Ambassadeur 20 (2½/0) lever drag reel, filled with 20 pound mono and matched to a 20 lb. game rod. The 624 outfit is fished 30-40 feet deep and 30-50 feet from the boat, while the 20 lb. rig is kept close to the boat. The two longer lines are floated out with pieces of styrofoam while the short line is allowed to drift naturally on about 50 feet of line.

There's nothing particularly unique about this set-up, except the relatively light tackle. However, it works well for me and I can't recall ever having lost a fish simply due to the light tackle. We've taken our share of makos, released a dusky of about 600 pounds and tagged numerous blues, duskies, browns and hammerheads of less than 300 pounds.

Another thing we don't do is sink the boat with bait before we go to sea. When I first started fishing about ten

years ago, I was introduced to the sport by fellows who were meticulous about their baits and rigged mackerel, squid, bunkers, etc. as if they were fishing for blue marlin, rather than scavenging sharks. Over the years I've come to feel that large, whole baits aren't any more attractive to sharks than fillets—and a lot harder to hook fish with! Therefore, I fish fillets on all lines, using both sides on the bigger rigs and just one on the 20 pound outfit. Almost any fish will do as bait, but the oilier species are best among those normally available. As a result, I generally go to sea with 25 pounds of whole bunker and one can of ground bunker.

That's right—just one can of chum! Except for exceptionally rough days, that's enough for at least five hours of chumming. If you haven't caught them by then, you might as well write it off as a bad day! Loading the boat with chum may help, but I seem to do as well as most everyone else with my one can and, at $7.50 a pop, I've got a few sheckles left for my own lunch. Remember, you aren't chumming bluefish or competing with other boats for the fish in your area. All that's required to put a continuous scent in the water. Sharks have such a keen sense of smell that it's unlikely that you could cut your chum to such extent that a hungry shark wouldn't pick up the scent.

In addition to steady chumming, use part of your whole bunker supply for chunking. Once again, remember that you're not chunking for tuna. Let one chunk dissapear before throwing another. Too much chunking and the sharks may lay well back in the chum line instead of hitting your baits. Because of this tendency, we always keep our lines in the water for 10 or 15 minutes after we're finished chumming—and often get the best action of the day!

Those of you using 6/0, 9/0 or even 12/0 gear for sharks may say "That light gear is fine for small sharks, but what happens when you tie into the occasional big one?" It needn't be a big problem if you take your time and let the fish tire himself. During the Fourth of July weekend, Mike Soriano and I were drifting in Butterfish Hole, only a ½ hour from Montauk Point (when powered by a 135 h.p. Chrysler!) and picking away at blue and dusky sharks. I'd already tagged a dusky in the 150-200 pound class that was taken on the 20 pound rig and Mike had just missed a hit on the same short line.

There was nothing spectacular about the hit on the middle line and, after ten minutes of dogging it in the depths, I bore down on the drag of the Mitchell 624 and started to move the fish to Mike's waiting tag stick. Just then the line went slack and a mako I estimated at 300 pounds came shooting through the surface in one of those skyscraping, somersaulting leaps that are unique to the mako. The "Triton II" was passing by at the time and her passengers were treated to yet another spectacular jump as the huge mako headed for the horizon. In six years of shark fishing from outboards with light tackle, I've only had to move the boat after sharks four times. Obviously, this was one of those times!

I wasn't really worried about the 30 pound Royal Bonni II, as I couldn't put a great deal of drag on the small reel. There is no stopping a fish of that size and power, and trying to do so with a small reel will only result in a burnt-out drag. Therefore, the strategy had to be a simple one—follow the fish with the boat when necessary but try to apply enough drag for him to tow the boat most of the time. The big mako jumped twice more, though he barely cleared the water on his second leap.

While running after the fish, we had flagged down another boat for assistance in gaffing but the fellow who came aboard to help had no feeling for light tackle and was trying to rush me. He finally decided that he had to return to port and I felt it was just as well, though my partner had never gaffed anything bigger than a striped bass! After an hour and a quarter, the fish was obviously tiring as he towed the boat almost continuously. At the 1 ¾ hour mark, I decided to bring him alongside.

When the swivel reached the rod tip, I grabbed the 10 foot wire leader with my gloved hands and dropped the rod—it was hang on now or lose everything! Mike missed the big target twice with the unfamiliar flying gaff, so I told him to hit the fish in the gills with a heavy eight foot straight gaff I carry for giant tuna. That he did perfectly and then hung on for dear life as the mako got some thrasing out of it's system. Towing the mako in was as much trouble as fighting it. However, when it tipped the scales at 405 pounds (one of the largest makos taken at Montauk in years), even the long tow back seemed worth it! We later found the single fillet stolen from the 20 lb. rig in the mako's stomach (along with a 10 pound bluefish.) On 20 lb. he would have been a world record—and I'm sure he could have been caught on that tackle!

We've taken other big makos on light tackle and have yet to run into a problem because of it. There's plenty of time left for sharking this fall—forget about the "Jaws" syndrome and go light for sharks!

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Last Chance for Blues

by Ron Onorato

This did not feel like a bluefish trip. I somehow felt that this should be more like a codfishing session. It was the middle of October and the bass run was in full swing along the South Shore beaches and jetties. George Oliver and I were taking a break from heaving bunkers and eels and were headed offshore for some late season bluefishing.

As has been the case for the past few seasons, late reports of some wild bluefishing around the rocks of the Cholera Banks, and also at the Shrewsbury Rocks off Jersey. Since the Cholera Banks were a lot closer, we chose that area. Though it was well into the morning we left, the temperature never climbed to 50 degrees, and the whipping Northwest wind didn't make things any warmer.

The trip to the Banks was a quick, but bouncy ride. As the party boat, the Starstream, out of Freeport loomed ahead, I eased off on the throttles and flipped on the paper recorder. I circled around the general vicinity until the paper indicated the peaks and gulleys of the broken bottom. Every now and then small spikes would appear a couple of feet off the bottom.

The boat was pulled a good distance upwind of where George had thrown over a marker buoy and the hook went down. Unlike early season bluefishing where chum is of key importance, we didn't bring any. The only baits on board were frozen butterfish and some fresh skimmer clams.

We started out with 4 outfits all at various levels until we had action. On 2 rigs, a 2 ounce drail was attached three feet above the baited hook and lowered to the bottom. Once they hit the bottom, they were raised about ten feet. On the other outfits, a 4 ounce drail was rigged in the same manner, but these were left just off the bottom.

While these outfits were soaking, I put over another rod with small hooks and tiny pieces of skimmer clams. In short order a couple of small sea bass and bergalls came up. These were placed live in a large garbage pail filled with sea water.

After some 20 mintues, one of the outfits had a screaming runoff. I quickly put the reel in gear and hit the fish. The fish made a good showing on the light boat rod and a 12 pound fish was put in the box.

A big blue bursts out of the water near the boat.

A nice blue is brought aboard.

I replaced the frozen butterfish with the live sea bass and bergalls and put the other outfits out. Some 5 minutes later, two outfits sounded off. In short order, 2 ten pound fish were boated. As the live bait supply dwindled, so did the action. Since it was rather late in the day, we called it quits as we

wanted to get back to the inlet before dark. A final headcount showed 15 fish in the box with not a fish under 10 pounds. All this at the so called end of the bluefish season and using no chum at all.

The late season bluefishing has been emerging into a pattern for the past several years. Due to what I suspect is the lack of baitfish at the surface and intermediate levels, the bluefish have decided to spend a greater part of their time foraging at or just above the bottom for food.

From mid-September to early November, the blues set up shop on many of the South Shore and Jersey coast rockpiles, reefs, and wrecks. I am sure that the fish are around later, but interest usually wanes with the striper and cod season forthcoming.

This type of bluefishing is very different from the early and mid summer type bluefishing. For the most part, there are few boats. Rarely will you encounter more than a couple of other boats on the grounds. Secondly you will be fishing at anchor without the use of chum. In effect you are bottom fishing for blues.

I will use the Cholera Banks as point of attention simply because of its consistent late season bluefishing over the past four years. This region used to be reknowned for its fine codfishing. Now the blues took over.

Regardless of the boat you fish with, a paper recorder and a marker buoy are the key elements to success. Getting to the general area isn't usually too difficult. Finding a spot to fish at may be a little harder. The paper recorder is essential simply because it shows the bottom contour, even if it doesn't mark fish. The blues move around quite a bit, and you may not even mark fish, but being on good bottom is essential. As soon as you mark a good piece of bottom, throw over the marker and anchor up to it as close as possible. If you mark fish, throw the float also.

For the most part the fish are found on or just above the bottom. Any chum that you ladle over the side is therefore a long ways off from where you're fishing. Besides, its nearly impossible to get chum late in the season.

Once anchored up, determine if there is a strong current running. If not, yuou can scale down the weights you're using. I will fish a 2 ounce drail on 20 pound mono and 20 pound leader under most cases. A stronger tide may call for the use of a 4 ounce drail.

Rigging is relatively easy. Take a three foot leader of 20 pound mono. Attach a standard bluefish hook with a wire leader to one end and attach the drail to the other end. Attach your mono line to the other end of the drail.

Lower the baited hook all the way to the bottom. Once it hits, bring it up a couple of feet. If you fish several outfits, then vary the depths of the baits. Try from right near the bottom to as much as 20 feet above the bottom.

Any frozen or fresh bait will work. As mentioned earlier, live bait is often the best bait. Almost all of these rocky areas hold bergalls and sea bass at this time of year. With a spare boat rod and some small hooks, rig up to catch these fish. It usually isn't too hark to get a batch. Keep them alive when you catch them by putting them in a garbage pail filled with water, much in the way you would keep bunkers alive.

You can use the same bluefish hook that you've been using all along with the dead bait. Insert the hook once through the skin of the live bait just in front of the dorsal fin. Lower the bait to the bottom and you're in business.

Because the fish are spread out over the area, it may take them a while before they find the baits. This is why it pays to fish as many outfits as possible until you have the fish going good. I usually leave the rods in free spool with the clickers on until a fish hits. By the time I get to the reel, the fish usually has the bait pretty good and the time to hit him is ripe.

The fish are on the average much larger than the summer run fish, and the chance for a real trophy is good. Teen size fish are run of the mill and there are always a couple of 20 pound fish taken every fall.

The weather for the most part is pretty decent. The days are usually cool and clear which makes for more enjoyable fishing conditions. Although I've been referring to the Cholera Banks throughout, there are many areas that can be fished with good results. Next in popularity to the Banks are the Shrewsbury Rocks, off New Jersey.

Other local areas that get a good play is the Fire Island Artificial Reef and the reef off buoy 4 near Deb's Inlet. Some of the local wrecks produced well at varying times.

Interest in bluefishing at this time of the year is minimal and a word of caution is in order. You will be venturing off the beach by yourself and if there are any problems, don't expect much help from anyone else. The CB radio or VHF are indispensible items around the fall and winter fishing.

Next time you want a break from your bass fishing, look to the offshore grounds for a last shot at the blues. It's along way to the spring.

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The Magic of Morning

by Art Hansen

The never ending adventure of fishing started this October morning from Carl Darengerg's Montauk Marine Basin where I kept my 20 foot cuddy cabin Bertram, "False Dawn". My fishing companion, Tony Pardo and I slept fitfully in the cabin, dreaming of the day ahead and waiting for the morning to arrive. Finally, not being able to stand it any longer, we got up, deciding to try a little predawn trolling with lunker sized tubes in hopes of nailing a big striper or two before first light.

As we went to untie the mooring lines, I noted my neighbor, a center console open boat and a real fishing machine owned by Al Ristori of Garcia fishing fame, had returned. The boat was gone when we had arrived the evening before.

Knowing his addiction to hunting for big bass alone at night, I stepped aboard his boat and opened the huge cooler in the stern. Watching, Tony's eyes popped like champagne corks as the beam of my flashlight revealed five of the nicest stripers in the 30 to 40 pound class he had ever seen. He'd been dying to tie into a big bass for years but seldom had the opportunity to fish great areas like Long Island's east end.

It was a little after 4 A.M. and you could hear the effect of a high adrenalin build-up in Tony's voice as he said, "Let's get moving, out where those fish are".

I knew that was a big order, but with the current swinging out for the past hour, maybe we could find some off Shagwong. Tony broke out a matched pair of 30 pound trolling rods as I brought the boat through Montauk Inlet and, on a delightfully calm sea, headed toward Shagwong Light.

The motor was warmed up and all check points cleared, so I pushed the throttle to 3,200, cruising speed, and in a few minutes we were over Shagwong Shoals. In a light chop of about one foot I slowed down to 800 RPM, my night trolling speed. I have found night feeding bass react to slow-moving lures best.

Pointing the bow toward Shagwond Light, I had Tony take the wheel. Using a bead and chain swivel attached to 15 feet of 50 lb. mono leader, I attached the big tubes and slowly fed out the wire line. The spinning depthometer showed 25 feet so I let out a bit over 200 feet of wire to keep the lures 3 to 5 feet above the bottom. (My wire is marked every 50 feet in a different color, and drops five feet for every 50 feet out at 800 RPM's and four feet at 1,000 RPM's with this lure)

When satisfied that the lures were working right, the rod tips bouncing in rythem, the click engaged and drag setting proper, we settled down to watching the depthometer, maintaining a slow "S" trolling pattern and conversation. A few blips on the depthometer prompted circles, after the lures passed the areas.

On one pass the starboard rod dipped over and the reel click sang a sweet song of promise, but stopped before Tony could reach the rod. Reeling in the lure, an absence of grass or other fouling confirmed it was a strike. Again laying out the line, we resumed out pattern over Shagwong between the buoy lights.

There's a fascination of bonding with the sea and its environment when you find yourself the only boat in sight at night. All sorts of fantasies develop, depending on the extent of your experience in similar situations. For Tony it was his first night excursion and his excitment was high. For me it was the practiced hunt, playing the odds favored by long experience in search of the striper but acknowledged possible defeat as the unpredictable Roccus changes his, or her as the larger bass tend to be, pattern in feeding or location.

As we talked about this and other fishing experiences, swapping stories, Tony was learning the art of reeling in or letting out our wire lines as the depthometer flashed changes in depths the lures would pass over. Also, to swing the boat left or right depending on our approach to the current as we passed over holes or ridges on the bottom; the lures would hopefully ride the edge where perhaps a lurking monster was waiting for an easy meal to pass by.

To the hunter of striped bass, patience, study, imagination and exposure are the ingredients for success. Yet I was glad after an hour and a half of dragging lures, to point Tony to the experience of a "Falso Dawn."

To addicts of surf and sea, the sight of false dawn sets the mind racing with memories of past experiences and anticipated action as first light is now about ten minutes away. It also means the morning ahead will be beautiful, usually with a light breeze to favor the inshore tide rips we had chose to fish with plugs, casting from the boat into the surfsice rocks.

Reeling in our lines, Tony stowed them away and brought out a pair of 7-foot, 12 pound test spinning rods balanced for 5/8 to 1 oz. casting lures, while I put the Bertram in high gear for the northwest corner of Montauk Point. The birds confirmed our location as they wheeled and dived, clustering first here, then there.

A few boats of the Mosquito Fleet size, like mine, had already arrived. Some were into fish, trolling, but we were there to plug with light tackle. Missing was the white water so exciting to raise fish in, but that's the breaks.

I slid the boat into 10 feet of water, judging for drift to the Point, and cut the engine. The depthometer showed occasional large pods of bait fish at three to four feet with stripers cruising at 8 to 9 feet, below them. This was definitely not big boat waters. This was my kind of sport, casting for bass or blues with surface plugs in the early morning.

Though occasionally driving the bait to the surface, and driving the birds wild as well, breaking fish were hard to come by. Tony attached a standard Gibbs 3/4-oz. popper while I snapped on a 1-oz. pencil popper.

I don't believe in snap swivels for this kind of fishing as I believe they detract from the imparted action of the lure; just a small snap is sufficient unless blues are around, then a wire leader is a "must".

A dozen casts later by each of us produced nothing for Tony but a number of boils behind my plug. Recalling a gimmick taught me by Stan Gibbs from many years of fishing together, I had Tony snap on a ¾ oz. bucktail with a small piece of pork rind trailer. Then I cast the pencil popper and Tony dropped his bucktail behind

my plug and we both started to work our lures in.

Within ten turns of the reel handles Tony was hit solid and set the hook. I retrieved my lure and waited to gaff the fish for him. I knew he would need a gaff as I watched the rod arc. The spool of the Mitchell 406 matched with the rod was humming smoothly against a light drag as the fish peeled off yards of line in a strong run around the stern of the boat.

Tony held the rod high to avoid the stern cleat and, after a run of 30 or 40 yards began to apply a light additional pressure on the battler with his fore-finger on the lip of the spool. This turned him but also prompted another favorite trick of a striper and helped identify the fighter as a bass. He headed down deep to the rocks below.

With light tackle such as this, wrapping around a barnacle-covered rock was a sure loss of the fish. With the line arcing deeper into the water he applied a bit more finger pressure to the spool, which did the trick, and gradually retrieved his lost line, earning every yard with a pumping-and-reeling rhythm.

As the fish neared the boat he gave a sudden and unexpectedly strong run, saved from probable loss only by the light drag being used. But it was a short run and soon the bass was brought back to gaffing range at the boat. Reaching over the side, I head-gaffed the tired fish and dropped a nice ten pound linesider into the fish box for Tony.

Nearing the end of our drift pattern, I started the engine and circled back to our original starting point, slowly bringing the boat into position. Stopping the engine, we began to repeat the casting pattern, with the same results, this time producing only a slightly smaller bass. Swapping outfits, I had my turn to nail two also. Since bucktails were doing the trick, we both started casting them. A dozen more casts produced not a hit.

Returning to the previous pattern of raising them with a pencil popper and having them hit the bucktail paid off again, immediately. Naturally, we stayed with this approach even though only one of us would be into fish at any one time. After a few more each, we were satisified and had enough of these broad backed, light tackle fighting schoolies in the 7 to 10 lb. class.

The sun was now well up, with a warming relief to the early morning chill. With the tide changing, we headed back to the dock and breakfast. Perhaps not with a lunker lying on deck, but some good eating in the fish box and another magical morning at Montauk to remember. And the big ones will have to wait till next time.

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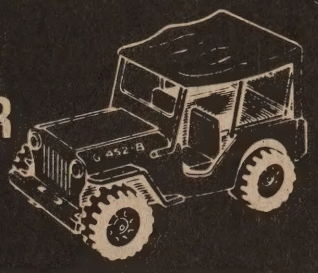

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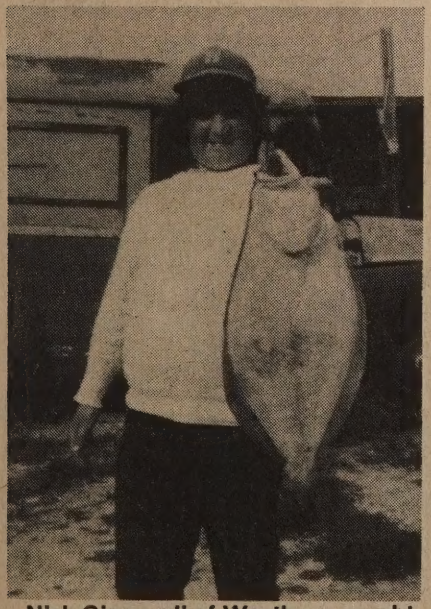
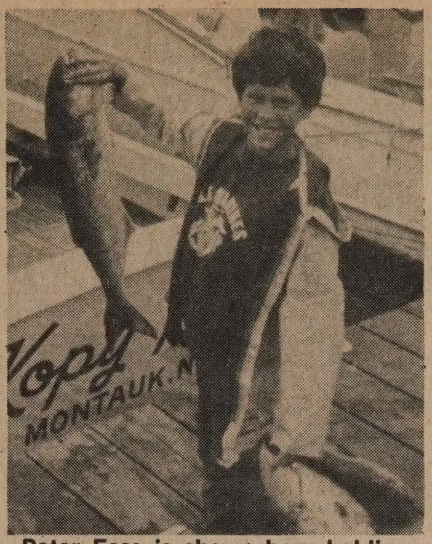
Captain Paul Forsberg of the *Viking Star* told us that the giant cod and pollack fishing at Coxes Ledge for the past week has only been fair due to the heavy offshore weather, but the poolfish each day was still a respectable 30 lbs. or better. The *Viking Starlite* has been porgy fishing during the day with excellent results and many of the fish in the jumbo humpback category. Nite bluefishing on the *Starlite* has also been excellent with the fish ranging from a monstrous 12 to 22 pounds.

Captain Dusty of the *Little Bear* said that the porgy fishing is still very good with a few seabass mixed in. On Sunday they had to fish the Block Island area due to the heavy seas around the Point, but the fishing around the Point itself is excellent when weather permits.

Captain Whitey Bateman of the *Four Queens II* has been doing a good job trolling bluefish on umbrella rigs off the lighthouse. On Saturday the score was 40 bluefish 10 to 12 pounds and on Sunday 35 blues were boated. The bluefish are all over the area schooling up and may be getting ready to move in the near future. Striped bass are around but are still very picky.



Nick Gismondi of Westbury caught this 8 lb. 3 oz. fluke aboard the "Ranger II" out of Montauk. Nick's fluke was the largest fluke of the day. Subscriber Club Photo.



Peter Foss is shown here holding one of seven 8 to 14 lb. blues caught aboard the "Kopy Kat" out of Tuma's dock at Montauk. The blues were taken while trolling with umbrella rigs near Block Island. Subscriber Club Photo.

Captain Murry Homelsky of the charterboat *Cherokee* reports that regardless of the bad weather last week, Montauk had pretty decent weather and the charterboats were able to fish almost every day. The fishing has been good to excellent and the striped bass have been showing up all over and are getting stronger all the time. Bluefish are very strong at Shagwong and off the Point. Some weakfish were taken on Saturday in the catch of sixty fish including bass and bluefish. In four hours of fishing on Sunday, 70 fish were taken including a few albacore.

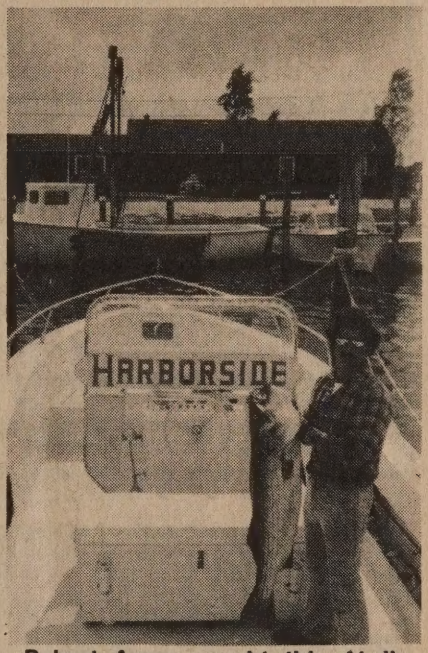
Ronnie at the *Gone Fishing Marina* told us that the fall run of striped bass officially began for the divers on Friday. Ronnie said it was just like the old times of ten years ago with a bass on almost every dive. The bass are spread out thick all over the area from the can to Turtle cove, and still thick all over the place and large blackfish 7 and 8 pounds are frequently mixed in. Chumming for the porgies is no longer necessary, and the areas close by the jetties like Shagwond and Washington Shoals are as good as any right now. Bluefish 3 to 9 pounds are everywhere and there are big snapper blues in the Lake.

Captain Bud Dorman of the *Viking Skipper II* reports all the bad weather we had lately had no effect on the fishing. High hook ran over 200. Saturday and Sunday we fished Block Island and bagged porgies and jumbo sea bass up to 4 lbs. 11 oz. Also bluefish, cod, pollack, blackfish and fluke. Fishing has been fantastic.

Captain Charlie Nappi of the *Sea Witch II* called to tell us that on Saturday Joe Almo's porty of 6 took 80 bluefish 10 to 15 lbs. on bait south of the Lighthouse.

Dan Marro of the *Huntington Anglers* called to report that he and fellow club members Dick Hoffman and John Holthusen chartered Capt. Frank Braddick's charterboat *Hurry Up* last Friday night for striped bass. Trolling large Stan Gibbs plugs at the North Bar, they took 9 bass 18 to 38½ pounds with a combined weight of over 200 lbs.

Burton Goldberg and son's Marc and Paul fished bait on the bottom at



Robert Aaron caught this 41 lb. bass while trolling 150' of wire at the Inner Jones Reef using a single red tube. Photo courtesy of the Harborside Resort Motel.

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FISHING TRIP CONTEST

Jim Juliano of Mineola called into LIF a description of his car by the Friday deadline to become this weeks LIF Litter Box Contest Winner. Jim has been sent a check for $10 and has also chosen a free fishing trip for two aboard the "Starstream II" in Freeport for his prize. For information on how you may participate in the contest see page 48.

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Cartwright last week and took all the bluefish they wanted up to 20 lbs. Paul is on leave from the Air Force where he is stationed in Thailand.

PROMISED LAND

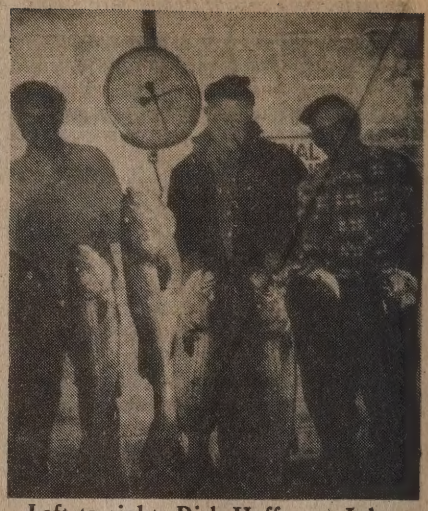
Art Brand of the *Promised Land Fishing Station* said that there are still good porgy fishing for fish ranging ½ to 1½ lbs. and an occasional 2 pounder at Gardiners. A few blackfish seabass and blowfish are mixed in. Bluefish are more numerous than ever. No flounders to report as of yet.

SAG HARBOR

Helen at the *Noyac Marina* told us that the flounder are starting in the creeks and that the last they heard there are still plenty of porgies in the area. Very little if any fishing was done last week during the heavy rains and high winds.

SHINNECOCK

Captain Clark Bellows Sr. said that the blackfishing has been improving daily for the *Captain Clark Boats*. On Saturday 16 people took over 220 fish, including the Captain's wife who had 15 fish, five over 5 lbs. and two of those over 8 lbs. Hi-hook for the day has been around 18 fish with an average per man of 10 to 12 ranging from 2½ to 6 lbs. A few porgies are also taking the crab baits being fished for the blacks. The fishing has been concentrated around the local wrecks between Nassau Point and Robins Island.



Left to right: Dick Hoffman, John Holthusen and Dan Marro of the Huntington Anglers with a few of the 9 bass ranging from 18 to 38½ pounds they took aboard Captain Frank Braddick's charterboat "Hurry Up" at Montauk.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ernie at *Bradley's Fishing Station* announced that the flounder are off to a good start off Greenlawn, the Basket Area and some very large fish coming from buoy 2. Loads of sea bass of mixed sizes are also mixed in with the flounder at buoy 2. Bloodworms, no chum.

MORICHES BAY

John at *Skidmore's Fishing Station*

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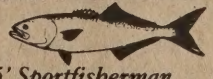

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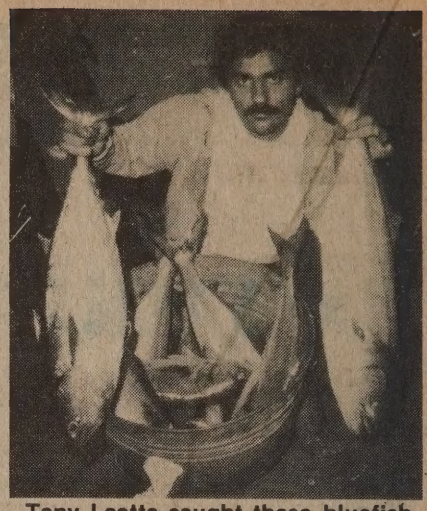

Tony Leotta caught these bluefish up to 12 lbs. and this tuna outside Moriches Inlet aboard the "Mona Lisa". Subscriber Club Photo.

WEST SAYVILLE

Vito at *South Bay Fishing Station* says the Heckshire areas and sections about a mile south of the Brown's River Jetty are producing good kingfish on squid, a few fluke on squid, the beginnings of good flounder activity on bloodworms and clam. Joe Amalfitano of Brooklyn bagged a dozen kings, a fluke, 24 snappers, a dozen crabs, 2 flounder and 6 eels for a real fall bag on Saturday. Snappers are still strong, and this mixed bag is falling to sand worms and squid.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports good catches of porgies and kingfish on incoming tide on squid and clam about a mile out of Brown's River. The porgies are going to 1½ pounds and the kings to ¾ of a pound.

CAPTREE

Captain George Tweedy of the *Captain Scotty* said that the bluefishing was very good on Monday when 10 to 12 fish were taken per man, but the boat didn't sail again until Saturday due to the weather. The bluefish were found to be very picky eaters then and more than half of the fish were lost after being hooked. Only 50 fish were taken as a result. On Sunday there were only 4 bluefish in the boat at 12:30, so the Captain went off shore a ways and then all hell broke loose. Score for the day was 300 fish. Fishing inshore is southeast of the artificial reef and the offshore hotspot of Sunday was north of the NB buoy in 110 feet of water.

Captain George Roman of the *Captree Queen* told us that blackfish-

was very enthused with a catch made on Sunday by Henry Sclanger and the father and son team of Lee and Joe, all from Mastic. They fished a little more than 1,000 yards east of buoy 42 in the deep water and scored with 175 seabass, 40 flounder, 30 porgies and a few blowfish. John said that the trick is to drop your anchor in the area, wait, them move about a hundred feet until you find the fish. Flounders are off to a very good start in the same area. Bloodworms are being used for all the species being taken.

Romona Seifert of the *Silly Lily Fishing Station* told us that the few boats that went out had catches of fairly nice flounder. These were taken on bloodworms at buoy 42. Some fluke were taken in the Old Cut at the Elbow on sandeels. There are still loads of snappers in the old inlet channel.

MASTIC BEACH

Sean at *Keenan's Fishing Station* reports lots of 2 to 5 lb. blackfish west of the bridge on fiddlers on all tides. Try the cove just past the bridge. Flounders are plentiful on bloodworms all over, particularly buoys 17 and 21 on all tides, averaging 1 pound. Chumming not necessary. Still a lot of seabass, blowfish and eels around from 19 to the bridge on squid. Lots of crabs and some kingfish still around.

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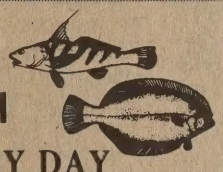

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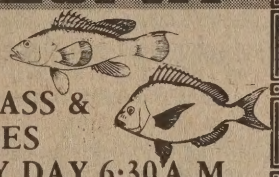

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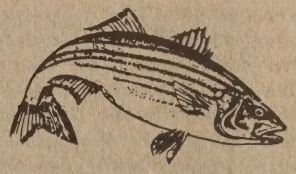

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Jim Cullen, Tommy Madigom and Jim Cullen Jr. of Sayville caught this 213 lb. mako while fishing 20 miles S/E of Moriches. Subscriber Club Photo.

ing has been good both inside and outside the bay in all the usual blackfish haunts. Fish up to 5 and 6 pounds are taking fiddler crabs and green crab baits through all tides.

Captain Frank Swanson of the *Captain Swanson II* told us that blackfish and sea bass are plentiful on all the local wrecks in the bay and the Kismet Artificial Reef. A few fluke are still being taken in the inlet. Flounder should be starting any time now. The blackfish are taking fiddler and green crabs through all tides.

Captain Neil Delanoy of the *Lady Ann* called to tell us that on Sunday they spent the morning blackfishing on a wreck near the Kismet Reef and took 250 fish up to 5 lbs. In the afternoon they fished the artificial reef outside and took 50 large seabass and porgies, one small fluke and a triggerfish.

Noel at the *Captree Bait Station* reports blackfish at the Oakbeach jetties and the rocks at Fire Island Field 2 and 3 and the Captree Overlook Pier. This is on fiddlers and green crabs. Clam baits are getting flounders and sea bass from the Overlook Pier and Fire Island field 3. Fluke has slowed greatly. Snappers are available at the Oak Beach pier. Striped bass are being taken in the early morning hours on live eels at Cedar and Democratic Point.

OAKBEACH

Bill at *The Store* tells us that big stripers have been taken over the weekend. On Sunday "Pop" Bravemann nailed a 40.1 pound lunker from the surf at Cedar Beach on a bunker chunk on high water in the morning. On the same day a 38 pounder fell to a live eel cast from Cedar Beach to an unidentified angler. Various other schoolies were taken from Cedar Beach and Democratic Point. Lots of action. Things were slow Monday-Thursday due to the sloppy weather but Friday, Saturday and Sunday mucho blacks were taken south of *The Store* along the rocks on clam, squid, worms and fiddlers. Some kings and weaks also, the weaks on drifted sandworm. Good flounder activity on the bay side north of The Store and at the Oakbeach Cut.

EAST ISLIP

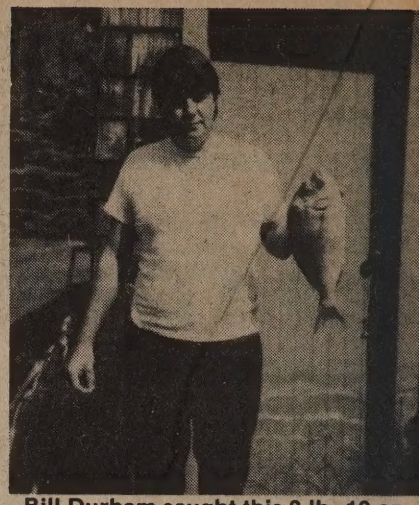
Wet-A-Line Bait and Tackle reports big blues from the Cedar Beach surf on Rebels and big O's. Blackfish strong on the Kismet Reef on fiddlers. Flounders are off to a good start for the fall off East Islip, in the inlet and bays

BABYLON

Augies Bait and Tackle reports that on Saturday bluefish were taken outside the inlet on umbrella rigs. Lots of blackfish from the Kismet reef, fiddlers the bait. Lots of flounder activity off the swimming pool, Good Sam, the State Channel, Grass Island on bloods, clam and mussel. A few big snappers are being taken off the dock up to ¾ of a pound, and the crabbing is still good.

Babylon Fishing Station informs us that the flounder activity has picked up in the bays, the state channel, off Good Sam on bloodworms and small pieces of clam. Some weakfish are still being taken in front of the lighthouse using a live snapper or blackfish. Blowfish are still around. The best bet for blacks is fiddlers on the Kismet Reef.

Howell Abrams and Phyllis Petrullo caught this 8 lb. weakfish while surfcasting at Democrat Point. Subscriber Club Photo.



Bill Durham caught this 3 lb. 10 oz. porgy while fishing for fluke in the Great South Bay on squid. Subscriber Club Photo.

LINDENHURST

John at *Charlie's Bait and Tackle* advises you try the Kismet Reef or the Sore Thumb where there are loads and loads of blackfish who will eagerly gobble your chunk of green crab or fiddler, mainly fiddlers. Flounder action is good and improving at the Sore Thumb, the East West Channel and in the State Channel on bloodworms. Stripers are on the move and are falling for umbrella rigs and live eels in the inlet mouth. A few snappers and fluke and crabs are still lingering.

AMITYVILLE

George Combs Bait and Tackle tells us that bass are being taken on live eels, live bunker and clam chum in the State Channel from Tobay up to the third Wantagh and at the Meadowbrook bridge and the Sore Thumb, any tide. Chummers should seek slack water. Blackfishing is very good at the THIRD Wantagh and at the Kismet Reef with fiddlers and green crabs, all tides. There is good flounder, seabass and porgy activity at West Island, Squaw Island and Zachs Bay. Try clam, worm and squid for fast action and varied species.

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser's Bait and Tackle reports lots of flounder at Four Corners, Squaw Island on bloodworms and Lonnie says these fish are "Eatin' size". Some weaks are being taken at the bridges on snappers while bass are hitting live eels around the third bridge and Zachs Bay. Still a few fluke in the inlet.

Captain Eddie's Fishing Station

Terry Pigott, wife of Capt. Dave of the "Lucky Strike III" proves the fall run of Striped bass is on.

reports good catches of flounder on died clam and bloodworm in various areas, particularly Four Corners and Zachs Bay, any tides, while blackfish will grab your fiddler or green crab at any of the bridges.

MERRICK

Jimmy at *Nick's Fishing Station* tells us of a really excellent weekend for the fall mixed bag of fish, particularly at Merritt Point and at the ends of Broad Creek and Haunts Creek. Abundant were flounder, kingfish, blowfish, sea bass, snappers, blackfish and some fluke. The blacks particularly at the bridges. Dock Livingston of North Bellmore took a 7 pound weakfish on a flounder rig at the golf course on Saturday. Worm, and clam for all of these with fiddlers for blackfish. Lots and lots of fast action.

John, "The Greek" with some nice weaks he caught at Sore Thumb. John used live snappers to pick up these fish. The fish went from 6 to 11 lbs. and were taken on the flood tide.

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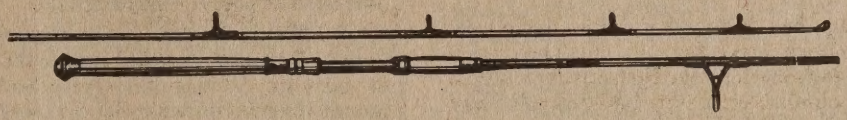

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FREEPORT

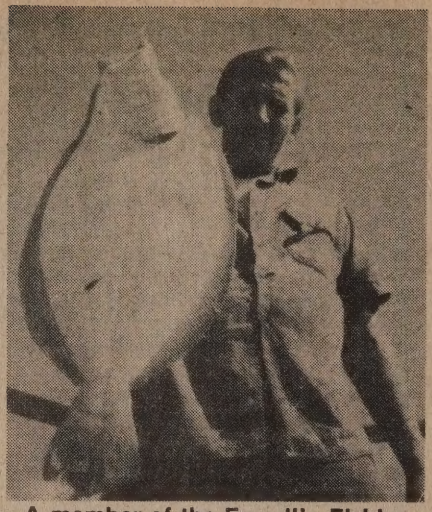
Anthony's Fishing Station tells us that the mysterious John McDonald while fishing on Paul Geffner's "Blue Max" took an 8 pound striper and a 15 pound blue while clam chumming. The flounder fishing is good around the flats and drains on worm and clam with the fish averaging ¾ of a pound, in good numbers and they are fat. A mixed bag of porgies, seabass, kingfish and eels can be found in most areas of the bay, with blacks at the Meadowbrook Bridge along with some weakfish who would welcome a drifted sandworm or a live snapper.

Bruno at *Hudson Point Marina* informs us that Bob Cuno nailed a 25 and 30 lb. bass on live eels at the barge in Jones Inlet during early dawn hours of Saturday on a flood tide. Also, angler Mitch Eisenberg on the "Liz III" using umbrella rigs trolled a basket full of blues 12 to 14 pounds off Lido in 30 feet of water on Saturday.

Roy at *Mako Marina* informs us that Sunday saw Captain Jim of a charterboat *nite owl* take a party south of Cholera where they bagged 53 bluefish, 15-20 pounds in one hour and 20 minutes, chumming. Joe Masone on his "Debra" chummed 150 blues, also giants in 140 feet of water on Saturday. Blacks are at almost any rock, piling or bridge. Lots of small sea bass from the inlet to the Meadowbrook Bridge.

Captain Richie of the *Starstream II*

Donald Womble, age 11, with his first albacore. The 6 and 7 lb. fish were taken on the family boat "Helen J" out of Hudson Point, Freeport.



A member of the Farrell's Fishing Club, Skippy caught this 14 lb. 8 oz. fluke aboard the "Dorothy B" out of Sheepshead Bay. The fluke took the daily, weekly and seasonal pools. Subscriber Club Photo.

hadn't sailed since last Tuesday due to the terrible weather conditions but did get out on Sunday and searched around, finding bluefish at Cholera and south and south/west of Cholera. The fish were small, largest about 5 pounds.

Captain Paul Schmidt of the *Aloma II* got out Saturday and Sunday where he did very well on sea bass and porgies on Saturday, while on Sunday, sea bass was the big number. Even though the bottom was still stirred up due to the storms of this past week, Spider Schmidt gave his fares full bags.

Captain Marty of the *Empire* reports that Saturday saw good catches of flounder, sea bass and kingfish coming over the rail. On Sunday, Swift Creek produced pretty well on flounder and then fishing at the Meadowbrook Bridge his fares got good mixed bags of flounder, sea bass and blackfish.

POINT LOOKOUT

The *Marie III* reports poor bluefishing on Saturday, though a few sea bass were brought aboard. The storms of this past week have really created sloppy conditions and poor fishing. On Sunday a shark trip produced zero sharks, but they were able to troll a few albacore. Prior to the storm, on Tuesday, Captain Andy Pollio had a bonanza, with 7 people bagging over 200 bluefish.

Ed's Fishing Station said the boats couldn't get outside over the weekend but those that fished the bay did very good. Sand porgies mixed with sea bass were at buoys 16 and 18 at Reynolds Channel. Jones Inlet had loads of sea bass.There are still ome snappers and some fluke. Blackfishing has been very good at the bridges and the jetties.

ISLAND PARK

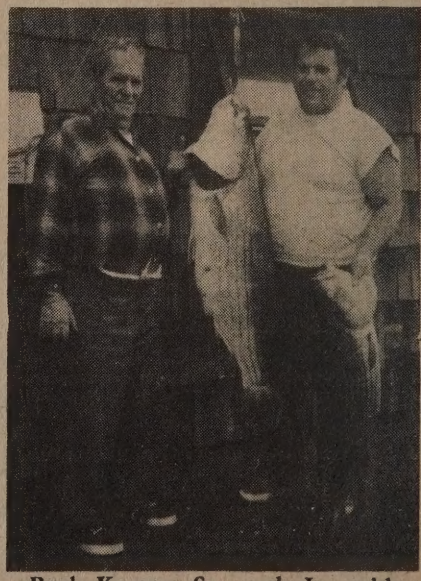
Captain Clem of the *Commodore* reports that on Sunday the flounder fishing in Reynolds Channel was good, high hook being 17 fish from ½ to ¾ of a pound, and fat. This was at buoys 9 and 16. There are a lot of porgies and sea bass in the bay and blacks at the bridges on fiddlers along with some kingfish. Average flounder catch was 10 per man.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of *Henning's Fishing Station* reports pretty good striped bass fishing drifting live bunker along the beach off Long Beach and the Rockaways. These bass go to 20 pounds and have had a few small blues mixed in with them. Bluefishing remains good at the Cholera Banks and off Sea Bright. Blackfishing has come into its own at the Atlantic Beach Bridge, the jetty at the inlet or around any bunch of piles. Plenty of flounder to be had in the channels not big, but thick. The best place is Bannister Creek, buoys 5 and 7 and the Round House off Long Beach High School. These are taken mostly on worms. A few porgies are still around at the Silver Point Jetty.

JAMAICA BAY

Noehren's Fishing Station said that



Paul Kampa Sr. and Jr. with striped bass of 30 and 45 lbs. they took livelining small blackfish at the construction buoy off the Fire Island Light on the first hour of incoming tide at 6:30 A.M. in the morning.

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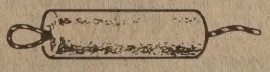

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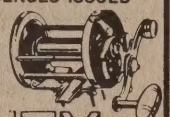

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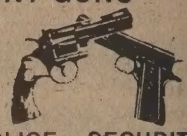

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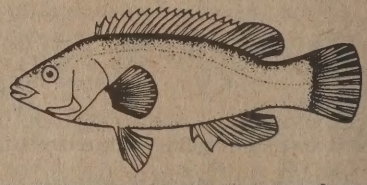

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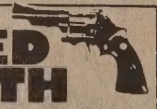

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the North Channel Bridge has snapper blues being taken on live killie. Flounders and sand porgies are also there taking blood or sand worms. An occasional blue to 5 pounds can be taken on bunker chunk. The Floyd Bennet Field Hole still has a few weaks being taken on sand worms.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Fred Ardolino of the *Amberjack IV* returned to the dock Sunday night from a Hudson Canyon tile fishing trip where roughly 80 big tasty tile fish were bagged, in spite of the high winds and sloppy weather caused by the recent storms. After 2 hours of sleep, Fred took off again in the *Amberjack* for his 5 day exploratory wreck trip.

The *Helen H* did fair on Saturday night on blues at the Farms, and very good on Sunday, fish 2 to 5 pounds. With an improvement in the weather the bluefishing should pick up strong again.

Captain John Kull of the charterboat *Jonny K II* said that chumming was a bummer on Saturday, so on Sunday his charter trolled between Ambrose and Sandy Hook where they took bass up to 10 pounds and 14 bluefish along with some albies and tuna. John said that the bluefish are laying down right on the bottom presently.

Captain Boddy Rejal on Saturday while trolling the new Lupo Almighty Squid, nailed 4 bass to 10 pounds and 9 blues to 14 pounds 18 ounces, weighed in at *Henning's*. This was off Breezy Point, 20-30 feet of water.

Richie Collins, owner of Capitol Fishing Tackle in Manhattan, after being shanghaied aboard the *Rocket* several days ago, bagged 14 fluke from 3½ to 5 pounds in 20 minutes and a pile of sea bass up to 3 pounds along with 1 lone blue. Richie was high hook for the day.

Mike's Fishing Tackle reports bottom fishing has been poor this past week due to the storm conditions. Over the weekend blues came into the bay during the day and also at the Farms being taken on cut bait. Some of these fish ranged up to 15 pounds. Sunday night saw another blitz but the fish were much smaller. Rebels and swimmer plugs are taking small striped bass just over keeper size off Coney Island.

STATEN ISLAND

Santo's Sport Shop reports that after the storm Cliff Street area at Penny Beach came alive on Saturday and Sunday mornings, School bass of 2-4 pounds were being taken on bucktails and worms. The South Beach storm sewer also came alive with blues on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Chunk bunker tossed at these fish brought in 12 to 14 pounders. Snappers are getting real big and run from ¾ to 1½ pounds. These are all along the Staten Island shores and are being taken on shinny lures or spearing. The smaller ones seem to have gone. The sand porgies have seemed to have slowed down because of the rain. Flounders of ½ to ¼ of a pound have started to be taken at Great Kills Park. These were taken at the rock jetty by porgy fishermen. On Saturday weaks were being taken by buoys 8 or 10 on worms. For the boat fishermen Hoffman and Swinburne Islands have bass of 3 to 5 pounds. They are being taken on poppers or worms. Big bluefish can be had trolling red bingle bananas off Princess Bay bug light.

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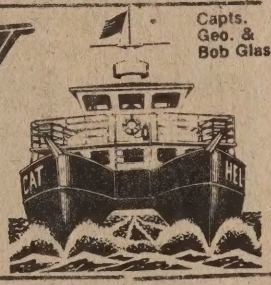

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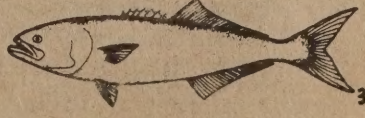

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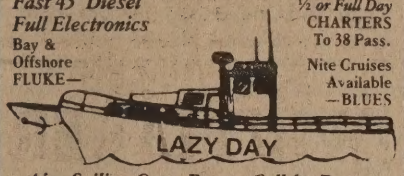

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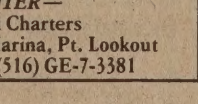

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NORTH SHORE Fishing Report

GREENPORT

Despite the wind and the rain of the past week there was good bluefishing in the Race and the Gut over the weekend, reports *Art White's Bait Shop*. Bucktails with porkrind drifted in the Gut has brought in many 10 to 25 lb. striped bass. These fish must be worked for but they are available. Good blackfishing is at the Greenport Jetty and along the Long Island Sound shores. Surfcasting with popping plugs on the Sound beaches are bringing in numerous striped bass. Near the Orient Point ferry slips flounders are being taken in increasing quantities.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt Fishing Station reports that on Saturday a few boats got out but it wasn't until Sunday that they really had the crowd. Blackfish are out at the Point and also at the Brickyard. Tom Loprete and party of queens fished the Brickyard on Sunday for blacks. They caught about 150 but only kept 48 of 3½ to 7 pounds. Fiddlers and green crabs were the bait. There is still plenty of porgies at buoy 17 and South Ferry. Flounders are being taken at Long Beach east of the state park and Pipes Cove. Right now the fish at Pipes Cove are on the small size.

NEW SUFFOLK

Weaks and porgies make up the majority of the catch says Phill at *Captain Marty's Fishing Station*. There are loads of porgies all over and are being taken on worms and clams. Buoy 22 has weaks to 6 pounds taking mostly squid.

JAMESPORT

Warren's Tackle Center in Aquebogue reports there are plenty of porgies to be had in the bay. Some blues have been taken in the Long Island Sound on plugs. The Sound has lots of blacks at the Mattituck breakwater and off the firing range east of the jetty. Rose's Grove in the Bay has a few weaks and porgies.

MT. SINAI HARBOR

Between the porgies and blackfish it turned out to be a pretty good weekend according to *Ralph's Fishing*

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Station. The porgies are in about 30 feet of water and hitting worms and clams. Some sea bass, 1 of 5 pounds, are mixed in with the porgies. Blackfish are in amongst the rocks near the shore. Fiddlers and green crabs are the usual bait. The bluefish although still picky are being trolled on spoons and tubes. They can also be taken on the bottom with bunker chunk and chum.

PORT JEFFERSON

The Betty W reports blackfish were red hot on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday Les Bunn of NYC was high hook with 15 blacks to 9 pounds which took the pool. Sunday saw an 11 year old from Queens, Mark Jensen who took the pool with a 9½ pound black.

Caraftis Fishing Station says that the blacks are really hot at Oldfield Point, Mt. Misery and Cranes Neck. Green crabs are taking the bigger blacks but watch out for the bergalls. There are plenty of porgies around but try the iron bulkhead at the mouth of the harbor. Bluefishing has been terrific on the overcast days in the harbor. As an example 2 fifteen year olds, Dan O'Neill and John Guerriero carried their 12 foot alumimun boat from East Setauket to fish in the harbor. In five days of fishing they had 126 pounds of bluefish using bunker chunks.

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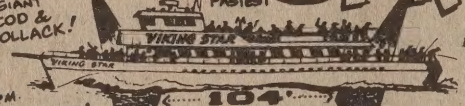

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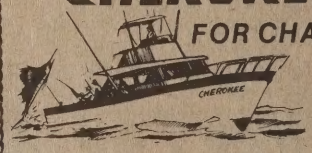

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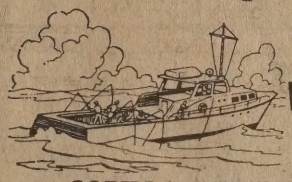

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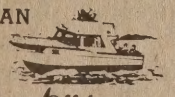

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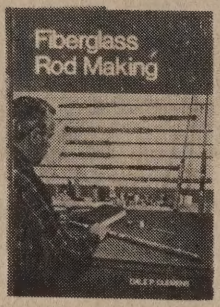

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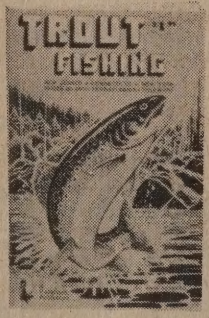

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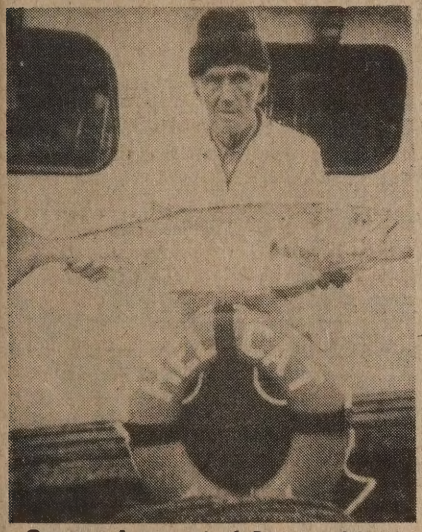
Pete at *Greenlawn Sports* says that there are a lot of striped bass being trolled on worms and Rebels at Little Neck Point. Some of these fish go to 20 pounds. Blues are being trolled deep at 11B or if you are into fish try bunker chunks on the bottom. In the bay the flounders are really starting to pick up while the snappers have gotten thin.

HUNTINGTON

Four Winds Tackle reports good fishing at buoys 13 and 11B for blues and blacks. The bigger blues to 15 pounds are being taken on bunker chunks on the bottom. Wire lining off Eatons Neck rip has produced blues to 12. Some striped bass to 7 and 8 pounds have been taken on bucktails in the rip at Eatons. Blackfish to 9 pounds were taken at buoy 11B and to 6 pounds at buoy 13. Either fiddlers or green crabs will take these fish with the larger blacks taking green crabs.



George Armonat of Conn. with his 18 lb. 8 oz. blue he caught aboar the "Hel-Cat" in the Race. The blue was weighed in at Hillyer's Tackle Shop for entry in the Conn. Bluefish Tournament.

The *Ever Ready* under command of Captain Pete on Sunday morning were swamped with bluefish. They fished the buoys 11B and 13 area. James Raynor of Huntington took the pool with a 15 pound plus bluefish. All fares caught fish. Bottom fishing is excellent for flounder, sea bass, kings and blacks.

On Saturday and Sunday the *Jennie III* had good blue catches up to 14 pounds. They were bunker chunking in the early morning near 11B. Blacks are just starting at 11B and 13 averaging 3½ pounds.

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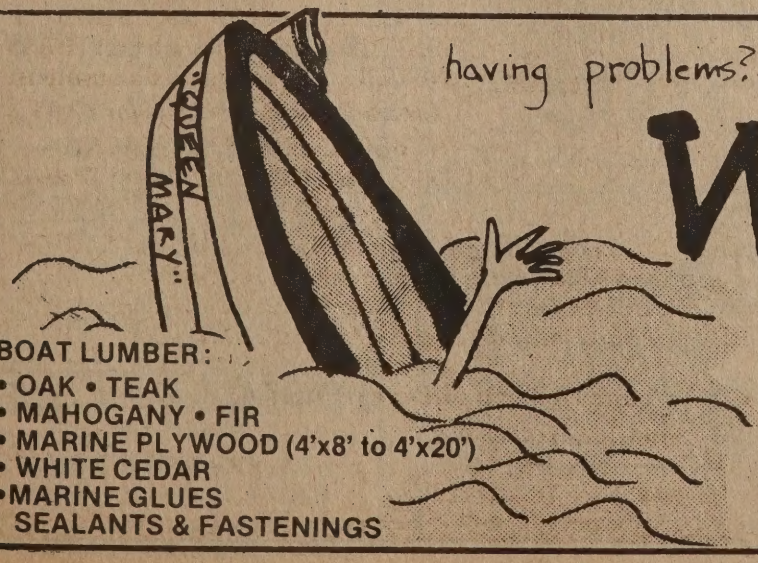

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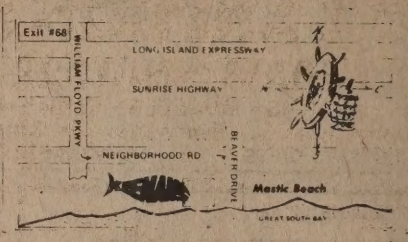

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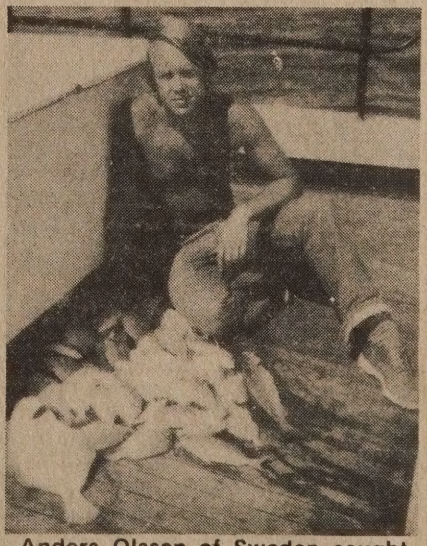
CITY ISLAND

Jack's Bait and Tackle reports that over the weekend small blues invaded the bay. These 2 to 3 lb. blues were taking bunker chunks, Kastmasters and large Sidewinders. Flounders are also showing in the bay and reasonable a fair catch right now. There are still lots of porgies all around. Big snappers are still to be had along with big butterfish.



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NEW JERSEY Fishing Report

Staten Island

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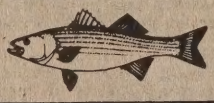
Sandy Hook

Big stripers are taking bunker off the Sea Bright wall. Smaller ones taking worms under the Highlands Bridge. Lots of small fluke in the bay. Blues for the chummers and trollers between Ambrose and Scotland Light.

Long Branch

Lots of blackfish to 4 lbs. around local rocks. Small bass are taking swimmers at the jetties. Bluefish offshore for trollers.



CONTESTS & TOURNAMENTS
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Blue.

Boat Awards: Saturday: Equanil—Capt. James H. Schaefer with 1095 points and Sunday: Kriss Ann—Capt. James Taylor with 1072 points.

Captains Awards: Captain Gastone Benincasa, Captain Joseph Long, Captain Steve Golder, Captain Harold Jarow, Captain Charles Fischett, and Captain Phil Hellriegel.

Any other awards to be made will be decided upon by the Committee. The above awards will be presented at the Bay Shore Mako Awards Diner to be held at Capt. Bill's Anchorage, Bayview Avenue, Bay Shore, NY at 8:00 P.M. on Friday night, September 19th, 1975. Each winner may bring a quest.

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have occurred on the south shore beaches. Joe's a Deli man in my neighborhood of many 30 year regulars. I'll bet that this year Joe breaks forty pounds. He, like many others of you, put the time and money into the sport that you love and you deserve it. Good luck.

FISHING LIVE EELS
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to 9 feet of line and wait. You should again have your reel in free spool so that the bass will be allowed to run with the eel.

Once you understand these three methods the most important thing for you to realize is that you must let the bass run with the eel, stop (allowing him to turn the eel around in his mouth) and letting the bass begin his second run when you hit him. A second important aspect of this fishing is that the fishing is much better at night than it is during the day. And the third and most important part of this fishing is that patience is the biggest virtue. There is no one who catches fish every time out when they are drifting eels. If there is someone out there who does, please drop me a line I'd love to spend a night out fishing with you!

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10/2 THURSDAY	5:52	6:13	7:17	7:43	9:13	9:43	9:18	9:42
10/3 FRIDAY	6:47	7:05	8:09	8:34	10:11	10:40	10:09	10:35
10/4 SATURDAY	7:37	7:56	8:57	9:26	11:02	11:33	10:59	11:25
10/5 SUNDAY	8:23	8:44	9:46	10:16	11:52	—	11:47	—
10/6 MONDAY	9:12	9:32	10:35	11:07	12:23	12:40	12:15	12:35
10/7 TUESDAY	9:59	10:22	11:27	11:59	1:12	1:28	1:03	1:23
10/8 WEDNESDAY	10:50	11:15	—	12:18	2:03	2:16	1:54	2:14
10/9 THURSDAY	11:45	—	12:55	1:14	2:58	3:12	2:47	3:07

SANDY HOOK

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Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Harts Cove	+1 30
Potunck Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Inlet & Dem. Pt.	−0 38
Coast Giard Sta.	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Loop Pkwy. Bridge	+0 25
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 00
Beach Ch. (Bridge)	+0 38
JFK Airport	+0 26
STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
MANASQUAN	−0 12

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Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	−0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28

NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+0 27
Connecticut River	+1 10
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land	−0 14
Fort Pond Bay	−0 29
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point	−1 13

BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	−0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	−0 08
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 19
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42

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The Original Knight SOLUNAR TABLES When To Fish Or Hunt

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good territory, hunting good cover during these times if you wish to find the best sport that each has to offer. The tables are not a guarantee that you will catch fish or see game during the period, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour and a half or two hours thereafter, and are in black face type. The minor periods are somewhat shorter in duration.

	A.M		P.M	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
10/2	2:10	**9:00**	2:50	**9:25**
10/3	3:10	**9:50**	3:40	**10:20**
10/4	4:00	**10:40**	4:35	**11:10**
10/5	4:50	**11:30**	5:25	**11:55**
10/6	5:40	:	6:15	**12:35**
10/7	6:45	**1:05**	7:15	**1:35**
10/8	7:50	**2:10**	8:20	**2:40**
10/9	8:55	**3:10**	9:15	**3:45**

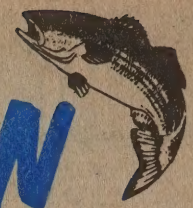
PHASES OF THE MOON

10-4	10-11	10-20	10-27
NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	Last Qtr.

SUNRISE/SUNSET

10-6	7:00	6:36
10-12	7:06	6:27
10-18	7:12	6:18
10-24	7:19	6:09

The Long Island FISHERMAN



FISHING TRIP CONTEST

The Long Island Fisherman is holding a contest where our readers can win a fishing trip for two on the open boat of their choice and a $10 cash prize. All the fisherman has to do is stop in at one of the 45 convenient locations listed below and pick up an L.I.F. litter box for the rear window of his car. Each week the license plate number of a car spotted with a litter box will be published—if it's yours, just call *The Fisherman* by 5 P.M. that Friday and tell us the make and model of the car and you're a winner! If no call is received by the deadline, the cash prize will accumulate.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING LICENSE PLATE NUMBER IS:

669-SPF

Pick Up Your Litter Box At One Of These Locations

MONTAUK
Grady Marine
Tumas Tackle

OZONE PARK
Channel Rod & Gun Shop
Marino's Tackle

BALDWIN
Baldwin Marine Supply

ISLAND PARK
Ralphs Tackle & Sporting
K & K Outboards, Inc.
Commodore Fishing Station

POINT LOOKOUT
Ed's Fishing Station

BAYSHORE
Mainland Marine

FARMINGDALE
Mike's Fishing Tackle

EAST ISLIP
Starfish Marine
Wet-A-Line

GREENLAWN
Greenlawn Sports

HUNTINGTON STATION
Four Winds Tackle
Ronnie's Bait and Tackle

ISLIP
Islip Marine Center

MILLER PLACE
Dick's Sporting Goods
Queensland Cove Tackle

PORT JEFFERSON STATION
Port Jefferson Sport Shop

PORT JEFFERSON
Caraftis & Sons Boat Station

ROCKY POINT
Bob's Lockeroom

MOUNT SINAI
Ralph's Fishing Station

LONG BEACH
Long Beach Sports

LINDENHURST
Charlie's Bait & Tackle
Charlie's West Tackle
Duke's Tackle Shop

COPAIGUE
S.T.P.A Copaigue

AMITYVILLE
George Combs Tackle
Jonas Bait & Tackle
Sportackular

SEAFORD
Lon Wanser Tackle
Eastern Reel Service

WANTAGH
Causeway Bait & Tackle

BELLMORE
Kwak's Tackle
Merrick Marine Supply

AQUEBOGUE
Warren's Tackle Center

MATTITUCK
North Fork Market

FREEPORT
Al Grover's
Charvin Marine
Grove & Atlantic Beer
Schultz Sporting Goods
Sea Isle Sports
Mako Marina
Anthony's Fishing Station
Dockside Diner
Hudson Point Marina

HAMPTON BAYS
Skidmore's Sport Shop
Three Aces Fishing Center
Bradley's Fishing Station

CENTEREACH
Plaza Sports

S. JAMESPORT
Jamesport Fisherman Haven

SOUTHOLD
Port of Egypt

GREENPORT
Art White's Bait Shop

LYNBROOK
Beckman's Tackle

DEER PARK
A & B Sporting Goods

EAST NORTHPORT
Larkfield Sports Center
S.T.P.A Elwood
The Great Outdoors

COMMACK
R & R Sporting Goods
Commack Sports Center

SMITHTOWN
Smithtown Sports

HOWARD BEACH
Crossbay Rod & Gun
Noehren's Bait & Tackle

MANHATTAN
John Baumann's
Capitol Fishing Tackle
Robbins Rod & Reel

BROOKLYN
Bernies Bait & Tackle
Mike's Tackle
Stella Maris
Ted's Tackle

CAPTREE
Captree Bait Station

BABYLON
Hi-Hook Fishing Station
Augie's Bait & Tackle
Babylon Fishing Station
Babylon Sports Center
Babylon Yacht Marina

OAK BEACH
The Store

CITY ISLAND
Jack's Bait & Tackle

FLUSHING
B & B Sporting Goods
Aqua Pet Sports Center
Empire Sports

MORICHES
Moriches Bait & Tackle

CENTER MORICHES
Dicks Tackle Box
B&B Tackle & Sports

Weekly winners of the L.I.F Litter Box Contest may chose a trip for two aboard one of the following boats as their prize:

MONTAUK
Viking Star
Peconic Queen II
Marlin III

CAPTREE
Speedy V
Capt. Ben Litwin
Capt. Joseph Fleet

FREEPORT
Starstream II
Aloma II

SHEEPSHEAD BAY
Amberjack IV
Cheif

NORTH SHORE
Port Jeff Ace
Betty W